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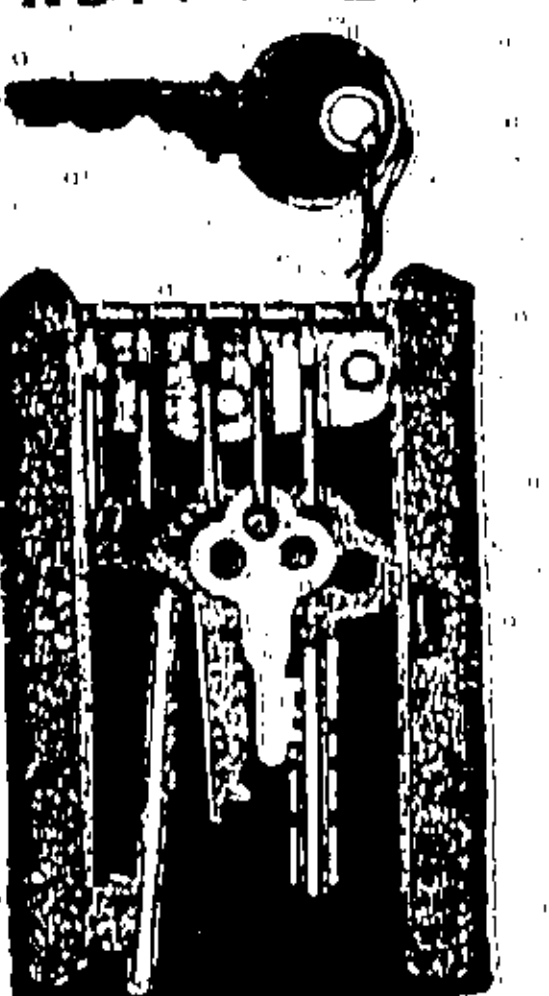
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WHAT TO OFFER CANTON. CONDITIONS OF RECOGNITION. Practical Advice For Home Government. BOYCOTTS AND ANTI-FOREIGN STRIKES MUST CEASE.

Practical advice as to the Policy the Powers should adopt towards the two Governments in China to-day has been proffered to the Home authorities by the China Association in London.

Meeting at House of Commons.

London, Dec. 7. Parliament's interest in the situation in China was further evidenced at a meeting of M.P.s and peers held at the House of Commons under the presidency of Commr. E. Hilton Young, at which Mr. C. N. Leefe, on behalf of the China Committee, indicated a course of action which the committee suggested that the British Government should adopt. This course suggested that the British diplomatic representative in China should inform the Can-

President Coolidge stated that the report of the Extra-Territoriality Commission was being studied with a view to determining United States policy in the future.—Reuter's American Service.

"Wait and See."
Washington, Dec. 7. The critical situation in China is being very closely watched. The official view is that any sort of armed intervention by the United States is out of the question. The State Department's attitude is one of "wait and see."—Reuter's American Service.

HANKOW POSITION.

NOW "GENERALLY MORE TRANQUIL."

ANTI-BRITISH MEETING FIASCO.

Hankow, Dec. 7. The situation generally is more tranquil. Following the withdrawal of the naval men yesterday the volunteers were withdrawn this morning. Yesterday's meeting to establish a society to overthrow the British proved an utter fiasco owing to the very intense opposition of the Chambers of Commerce and other responsible Chinese. Representatives of the Political Bureau, the unions and workers of the British Cigarette Company, which closed down its factories owing to the recent labour troubles, are forming a committee to discuss the question of the maintenance of these workers. It is stated that the Political Bureau is contributing \$5,000 while the Nanyang Brothers Tobacco Company, a rival concern, is contributing \$2,000 and proposes to open a new factory and employ the B.C.C. strikers.—Reuter.

Chinese Government that directly it restores peace and good order in the territory it governs and terminates all boycotts and strikes against foreigners it will be recognised by the Powers.

Revision of Treaties.

Peking and Canton should be informed simultaneously that the existing treaties will be revised when responsible governments have been established in the North and South, but until the treaties have been revised, both governments will be required to recognise the existing treaties. Further, tariff autonomy will be extended to North and South China from January 1, 1928, or 1929 or some convenient date, and both governments should in the interval take the necessary steps to abolish internal taxation. Lastly if both governments desire, the Powers will be prepared forthwith to cancel the sanctuary now extended to Chinese subjects in the foreign concessions and settlements.—Reuter.

America's Attitude.

Washington, Dec. 7. President Coolidge, in his annual message to Congress, referring to the Peking Tariff Conference says: "We are prepared to resume negotiations whenever a government representing the Chinese people and acting on their behalf presents itself. The fact that constant warfare between the contending Chinese factions has rendered it impossible to bring these negotiations to a successful conclusion is a matter of deep regret." "Throughout the conflicts we have maintained a position of very careful neutrality. Our naval vessels in Asiatic waters, pursuant of treaty rights, have been used only to protect American citizens."

The "Westminster Gazette" in a leader commenting on Mr. Lloyd George's Bradford speech says that the allegations that a party exists in Britain which is sounding the tocsin of war is hardly material for the Russian propagandists who are trying to convince the Chinese that Britain is their enemy. Until the Government does something which can fairly be interpreted as aggressive it is highly desirable to avoid language implying such an intention to it. Public opinion in Britain is solid against Chinese adventures of any sort. "We hope Mr. Miles Lampson will be given a free hand and widest discretion."

The "Daily Telegraph" soundly rates Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, and declares that recognition of the Cantonese Government by Britain would give the crowning touch of folly and confusion to the diplomatic record of the treaty Powers, for the past few years. The paper concludes saying, let these critics recognise the plain facts and admit that circumstances have presented the Communist masters of Russia with a vast opportunity for mischief of which they have taken the fullest advantage and for the consequences of which the Powers must needs be prepared.

Views of the "Times." Naturally, says the "Times," commenting on Mr. Lloyd George's "mischief making," Britain will not take sides in Chinese civil wars, but has an obvious and pressing duty to protect the lives of her subjects, and the employment of the navy therefore does not constitute war.

The newspaper pays a tribute to the wisdom of Mr. Lampson, in exploring the position in Central China and expresses the opinion that it is worth while to get into personal contact with the Cantonese leaders; but the principle that international treaties can be repudiated by one-sided declarations or violent action is inadmissible. Finally, it urges Mr. Lampson to put a check on the dangerous tampering with the Customs.

China Association.

Mr. Leefe, chairman of the China Association, in a letter to the Press adds his voice to the chorus of criticism of Mr. Lloyd George's speech. He says there is good reason to hope that the influence of the extremists in China is only temporary, and out of the welter of a party is arising competent to speak on behalf of a sufficiently large part of the country to carry out a revision of the treaties, which have long admirably served the needs of both nations. He opines that results will be obtained by such negotiations enabling China and Britain to continue to trade, providing the Minister to China be not thwarted by gross misrepresentation.

HANKOW POSITION.

Shanghai, Dec. 7. A Hankow message of December 6 states that the British naval landing parties have been withdrawn at the request of the Chinese authorities, who guarantee the integrity of the British concession. A platoon of marines remain ashore on ordinary guard duties.—Reuter.

P. & O. S. N. CO. Business In China Suffers. OUTLOOK NOW BRIGHTER.

Liners Being Made Into Oil Burners.

London, Dec. 7.

The P. & O. S. N. Co., Ltd., report for the year ended September 30 of £919,000 compared with £955,000 the previous year. A sum of £274,000 is placed to reserve for redemption of debentures and £133,000 is carried forward.

The report mentions that the "Moldavia" has been converted to an oil burner, and it is proposed similarly to convert the "Narkunda" and "Naldera" as soon as possible.

The company's business in China has been greatly interfered with, but it is considered things will improve soon. With regard to the company's Indian affairs, the year has been one of great difficulty, but the outlook is now brighter.

The directors have nominated Sir Geoffrey Roche Clarke to a seat on the Board.—Reuter.

FOR BIAS BAY?

BIG ARMS HAUL MADE AT YAUMATI.

ELEMENT OF MYSTERY.

Owing to the fact that two Mauser pistols, fully loaded, were found among the contraband on board, an element of mystery is added to the big seizure of arms made by the Water Police on board Junk No. 3,324 lying in the water at Chi Wan, in the harbour of the Colony. That the shipment was being made as a smuggling deal—as distinct from piracy—is also believed, as saltpetre and sulphur were found as well.

The junk is of the type known as "big eye chicken," by reason of the two eyes painted on the bows. This kind of craft is built on that part of the Kwangtung coast, between Shanhai and Swatow and including Bias Bay.

Nine men were found on board, all speaking the Chiuchow dialect, lending a further touch of suspicion to the boat being bound for the adjoining coast.

The crew of seven had their heads wrapped in blue cloth turbans and wore their hair long, like the boatmen and coolies of up-country ports near Swatow.

The other two men are alleged to be supercargoes.

When the Police took the junk by surprise they found it loaded with coal, rattan and general cargo.

In thirty bags concealed among the coal, were found a large collection of arms, mostly Mauser pistols and ammunition.

A search of the crew's quarters revealed two loaded pistols hidden under the floor of the junk's small stowage.

There were 33 cases of saltpetre and about 30 cases of sulphur.

The junk was towed by the Police to the Yaumati refuge and the men will be charged formally at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court.

A SEAMEN'S CLUB.

HONG KONG POLICE SEIZE DOCUMENTS.

A Chinese seamen's club at No. 20A, Praya East (2nd and 3rd floors) was raided by a strong posse of Police detectives yesterday.

A quantity of documents, books, etc., found on the premises, was seized by the Police for investigation.

A seamen's club in Hong Kong serves much the same purpose as a "home." Hakkas comprised the majority of members of this one.

One man aged about 50 was detained.

The Police are believed to have been looking for evidence in connection either with the Seamen's Union headquarters in Canton, or with a certain strike organisation in Canton.

PEAK CLUB THEFT.

TENNIS COURT COOLIE CHARGED.

SILVER BANGLES STOLEN.

The disappearance of two silver bangles during a tennis party at the Peak Club yesterday afternoon, had its sequel at the Central Magistracy this morning when a Chinese tennis court coolie was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell with the theft of the jewellery.

Sub-Inspr. W. Shannon informed his Worship that the stolen bangles were the property of Mrs. E. D. Jell, who, together with some friends, attended a tennis party at the Peak Club yesterday afternoon. The theft was reported to Mount Gough Police Station, a detective was sent to the Club and the bangles were eventually traced to defendant's cubicle in the servants' quarters.

Asked by the Magistrate what he had to say in answer to the charge, defendant said that the bangles were put on the tennis ground. After everyone had left he picked them up. He intended to look for the lady in order to return them to her.

His Worship: Why did you not give them to the No. 1 boy?—It was very late and dark at that time.

Mr. Lindsell: What is the use of lying like that to me? You are employed at the Peak Club and the No. 1 boy is there.

Defendant: He was not there then.

His Worship: I don't believe you. He is always there at that hour. You are lying. You are convicted and you will go to jail for four weeks.

PAY OR GO, TO JAIL.

"DENTIST" WHO HAD NO LICENCE.

HEATED PROTESTS IN COURT.

Summoned for having practised dentistry without a licence from the Principal Civil Medical Officer, Low Yee-san, 28, protested vehemently when fined \$100 by Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Inspr. G. K. Fallon prosecuted on behalf of the Police.

Questioned by the Magistrate with regard to his qualifications, the defendant said that he was a fully-qualified dentist. He practised in the country and had only recently come to Hong Kong.

Inspr. Fallon informed his Worship that the P.C.M.O. had recently received from an anonymous source a copy of a circular purporting to advertise the defendant as a dentist. This circular (produced) had been forwarded to the Crown Solicitor who, in turn, had handed it over to the Police for action.

Defendant's name was not on the Register of Licensed Practitioners.

His Worship: Have you got any qualifications at all?

Witness produced a photograph.

His Worship: What is it?—A registration certificate from the Canton Government.

His Worship: It doesn't prove that you are a dentist. What else have you got?—I left my papers in the country. I had no intention of practising here as a dentist.

His Worship: And yet you put up a notice board outside of your house and issue circulars?—Some friends advised me to practise here owing to the prevalence of bandits in the country. I have cured several of my fellow-countrymen.

Upon learning that the prosecution did not allege that defendant had done any harm, his Worship imposed a fine of \$100.

Defendant left the Court protesting heatedly.

Brought back into Court some few minutes later, defendant informed his Worship that he was unable to pay the fine.

Mr. Lindsell: Well, you will have to go to jail. You are liable to a fine of \$500 and six months' hard labour.

Defendant: I ask you to reduce the fine.

His Worship said that he had no evidence to show that the prosecution regarded the matter as a purely technical offence. Defendant would go to jail for two months with hard labour if the fine was not paid by one o'clock.

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CUSTOMS RECEIPTS RECORD.

President's Annual Message To Congress.

Washington, Dec. 7.

In his annual message to Congress, President Coolidge pleads for economy, but suggests that a portion of the Budget surplus estimated at \$383,000,000 be used to reduce the burden of taxation.

The message says that the customs receipts for the present fiscal year are estimated at over \$615,000,000, which is a record.

The message points out that 65 per cent. of the imports were duty free.

The United States admitted a greater volume of free imports than any other country except Britain.

In view of the agitation for a reduction in tariffs there does not seem to be a very large field within the area of American imports in which it is probable reductions would be advantageous to foreign goods.

Sufficient funds are pledged to finance the storage and carrying of 4,000,000 bales of cotton, but no method of meeting the situation will be adequate which has not contemplated the reduction of about one-third of the acreage in the coming year.

The message says that the rubber industry in the Philippines should be encouraged.—Reuter's American Service.

Washington, Dec. 7.

The Secretary of Labour, Mr. Davis, in his annual departmental report, says that owing to the growing practice of resorting to conciliatory and mediatory action in trade disputes, the number of American labour controversies is diminishing.

The workers fully share in the prosperity of America, which to-day is the richest country that ever existed, and hopeless poverty except among the aged and infirm is almost unknown. The administration of the immigration laws in 1926 is described as very satisfactory.

Since Congress adopted the limitation policy in 1921 the number of immigrants excluded after the long journey to America has been reduced to a minimum, due partly to the stationing of United States medical and immigration inspectors abroad.—Reuter's American Service.

Quiet Session.

Washington, Dec. 7.

The short last session of the sixty-ninth Congress has opened.

The only incident occurred in the Senate, when Senator Walsh drew attention to bribery charges against Mr. Arthur Gould, the Republican Senator-elect for Maine. After discussion, the latter was sworn in. Senators Kellogg and Sargent will present Mr. Davis, the War Secretary.

The Senate completed its work in twenty minutes, and adjourned out of respect to the memory of two Senators who have died since the last session.

The House of Representatives adjourned for an hour. Mr. Gallivan introduced a resolution on prohibition.

Both houses have a prodigious array of legislation, but few if any important measures except the general supply Bills are likely to be passed. The administration will fight for tax reduction, while shipping, railways, coal, banking, the Philippines, and national defence will be dealt with in pending Bills.—Reuter's American Service.

THE WEATHER.

Until noon to-morrow the official weather forecast for all local districts is:—N.E. winds; strong; fine.

At 11.40 a.m. to-day, the Observatory reported:—Pressure has increased considerably over S. China and from Formosa to S.W. Japan, moderately over Central China and slightly over the Philippines.

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A thrilling story of a fire at sea was narrated upon the arrival at Liverpool by the Pacific Steam Navigation Co.'s liner "Oriana," of Commander Charles Johnston and the officers and engineers of the steamer "Sea Serpent," which was destroyed by fire off the West Indies at the end of September.

The "Sea Serpent" was a vessel of 1,698 tons register, built at Liverpool by Messrs. Graysons, Limited, in 1917, and owned by the Dover Navigation Company, of London. She was on time charter to the R.M.S.P. Company. On August 14 last she sailed from London and proceeded to Bermuda, where she loaded a general cargo, including coffee in bags. During the early morning of September 24, as the "Sea Serpent" was proceeding to Jamaica (Hayti) an outbreak of fire was discovered in the after hold. Steam was injected, but with very little effect. Jerome was reached, but the outbreak still remained unabated, and under the circumstances it was deemed advisable to make Port au Prince.

The last mentioned port was reached at midnight on September 25, and the vessel was made fast alongside the quay, where the fire brigade was waiting to tackle the outbreak. Electric pumps capable of pumping 1,000 gallons a minute were soon in operation, and the next afternoon, as the fire appeared to be almost under control, a wireless message was sent to the salvage steamer "Kellerling" cancelling the summons to that vessel for assistance. About an hour later, however, while the fire brigade were still pouring water into the ship, the holds suddenly became like a furnace, and by eight o'clock the fire was beyond control. The "Sea Serpent's" steel plates were beginning to buckle under the influence of the intense heat, as also were the deck plates of the engine-room bulkheads.

It was then decided that the only means of saving the vessel was to scuttle her, and another cable seeking the assistance of the "Kellerling" was then sent. The next morning the "Sea Serpent" was towed from the wharf to a position where there were six or seven fathoms of water. Soon afterwards the salvage boat arrived, but her assistance was unavailing, and the "Sea Serpent" within a short time was completely burnt out.

PACIFIC SHIPPING.PERMISSION REFUSED TO
RE-ROUTE SERVICE.

Vancouver, B.C., Nov. 14. The Merchants' Exchange here recently received advice from Washington that the Oregon Orient Line had been refused permission by the United States Shipping Board to re-route its vessels in the South China trade on eastbound voyages. The Columbia Pacific Steamship Company, operators of the line, requested that six ships running between Portland, Oregon, and China ports be allowed to return via South California and call at points up the Pacific Coast. Such routing, it was said, would place the service on a paying basis and might make the line saleable for private operation. The Board said the request was refused because ships so routed might seriously cut into the trade of the government's South Pacific Service.—"N. C. Daily News."

Thus the "N. C. Daily News" of Nov. 27:—With much sounding of sirens, the Japanese cruiser "Hirado" yesterday steamed out of harbor. Within ten minutes an informative friend burst into the office to say that the cruiser had gone out with her decks cleared for action and she obviously was off on some important expedition. The official assurance is that she only has gone out for an exercise cruise.

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MONDAY.

The Harbour Master notifies that owing to repairs Blake Pier will be closed to all traffic as from next Monday, December 13.

Until such repairs are completed craft will have to use Queen's Pier instead of Blake Pier.

LOCAL SHIPPING.TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND
CLEARANCES.**THE MORNING LIST.**

This morning, the following sea-going arrivals at Hong Kong were reported:—

Kwangse (1,228 tons), British, from Haiphong; B. & S.—no cargo for Hongkong, 2,800 tons coal for ports beyond, no passengers.

St. Albans (2,538), Brit., from Melbourne; Manila; M.M. & Co.—453 tons H.K., 1,150 tons beyond, 154 passengers.

Colorado (4,223), Brit., from New York, Holo; Bank Line—800 tons H.K.

Glenshiel (5,803), Brit., from London, Singapore; J.M. & Co.—283 tons H.K., 4,223 tons beyond, 10 passengers.

Amazona (2,964), French, from Marseilles, Saigon; M.M. — 93 tons H.K., 800 tons beyond, from Canton; M.M.—nil.

Tijlboet (3,635), Dutch, from Dairen, Amoy; J.C.J.L.—367 tons H.K., 4,509 tons beyond, 219 passengers.

Van Overstraten (2,337), Dutch, from Amoy, Swatow; J.C.J.L.—500 tons beyond, 692 passengers.

Carl Legien (3,434), German, from Yokohama, Shanghai; Reuter, Brockmann & Co.—2,633 tons beyond, 6 passengers.

Tetsuzan Maru (1,241), Japanese, from Canton—nil.

Tak Hing (105), Chinese, from Au Tau; Fook Hoi—1 ton H.K., 120 passengers.

Yatshing (1,424), Brit., from Shanghai, Swatow; J.M. & Co.—608 tons H.K., 1,211 tons beyond, 4 passengers.

Suiyang (1,594), Brit., from Canton; B. & S.—400 tons beyond.

Later Arrivals.

Perlak (1,103), Brit., from Balikpapan; A.P.C.—1,022 tons benzine, 1,174 tons kerosine (both in bulk) all for Hong Kong.

Balguerie (662), French, from Saigon, Tourane—general cargo and 1 passenger for H.K.

Tai Sze Ma (402), Chinese, from Kwong-chow-wan; Wing Yui Co.—388 pigs, 145 head of cattle, 275 tons general cargo, all for H.K.

Szechuen (1,594), Brit., from Shanghai, Swatow; B. & S.—550 tons H.K., 420 tons beyond, 2 passengers.

Talithybus (6,514), Brit., from Tacoma, Milke; B. & S.—4,477 tons H.K., 402 passengers.

Paul Lecat (7,553), French, from Yokohama, Shanghai; M. M.—103 passengers.

Departures.

For Swatow: Pooshing, Sungshan Maru, Haining, Liangchow.

For Saigon: Paul Lecat.
For Au Tau: Tak Hing.
For Shanghai: Kwangse, Amazona, Tong Lee.

For Amoy: Suiyang.
For Kwong-chow-wan: Sun Kong.

For Canton: Soochow.
For Moji: St. Albans.
For Sandakan: Hinsang.
For Manila: Eldridge.

Cleanances.

For Amoy: Tai Fook Sing.
For Bangkok: Kweiyang.
For Manila: Carl Legien.

SHIPS IN PORT.

At 9 a.m. to-day the following numbers of vessels were in port:—

British 31
German 1
Panama 1
Norwegian 2
Japanese 3
Chinese 16
Dutch 7
Portuguese 2
French 2

Total

..... 65.
Dec. 7, 1926:—arrivals 13, departures 15.

MARINE GRANTS.KING GEORGE'S FUND FOR
SAILORS.

In the absence of the Duke of Connaught, chairman, Capt. Sir Arthur Clarke, deputy chairman, presided over a meeting of the General Council of King George's Fund for Sailors, held at Trinity House, London. The Council had been called to approve the interim grants made since the last meeting, and to approve the amount for distribution in the main grants of the fund in December.

The Chairman announced that the Seamen's Hospital Society proposed to name a ward in the Dreadnought Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich, the King George's Fund for Sailors Ward, as a token of gratitude for the sum of £23,000 received in grants from the fund since 1917, and a tablet would be unveiled in the ward on December 1 by Commodore the Duke of Montrose.

The reports of the Finance, Distribution, and Collecting Committees were presented by Sir John Wimble, Vice-Admiral G. R. Mansell, and Mr. S. H. Cotton. In these it was stated that the fund had received since the New Year from all sources £34,191, and in the same period a total of £9,550 had been distributed in interim and special grants to marine benevolent institutions.

The Council decided to distribute a further sum of approximately £38,450 out of the general and H. H. Willis funds in main grants to marine charities in December next, making a total of about £46,000 for the year.

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EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Feb. 18	Feb. 19	Feb. 22	Feb. 25	Mar. 1	Mar. 4	Mar. 7
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 15	Mar. 18	Mar. 21	Mar. 24	Mar. 27
EMPEROR OF CANADA	Mar. 30	Apr. 2	Apr. 5	Apr. 8	Apr. 11	Apr. 14	Apr. 17
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Apr. 20	Apr. 23	Apr. 26	Apr. 29	May 2	May 5	May 8
EMPEROR OF ASIA	May 11	May 14	May 17	May 20	May 23	May 26	May 29
EMPEROR OF CANADA	June 1	June 4	June 7	June 10	June 13	June 16	June 19
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	June 22	June 25	June 28	July 1	July 4	July 7	July 10
EMPEROR OF ASIA	July 11	July 14	July 17	July 20	July 23	July 26	July 29

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SOMETHING CONCRETE.

Out of the welter of conflicting opinions on China something tangible and concrete has emanated at last. At a meeting of members of the House of Commons and the House of Lords, Mr. Lee, on behalf of the China Association, indicated the course of action which the Committee had suggested.

This suggestion is that the British diplomatic representative in China should inform the Cantonese Government that directly, it restores peace and good order in the territory it governs, and terminates all boycotts and strikes against foreigners, it should be recognised by the Powers. Peking and Canton should be informed simultaneously that the existing Treaties will be revised when responsible Governments are established in the North and South; but, until these Treaties are revised, both Governments shall be required to recognise the existing Treaties. Further, tariff autonomy should be extended to North and South China from the beginning of 1928 or 1929 or some convenient date, and both Governments should in the interval take the necessary steps to abolish internal taxation. Lastly, if both Governments desire, the Powers should be prepared to cancel forthwith the sanctuary now extended to Chinese in the foreign Concessions and Settlements.

This suggestion, it is noteworthy, implies the recognition, in due course, of the Cantonese Government as well as the Peking Government. Thus the scales are held evenly between the two Governments, thus disposing of any idea that the British—or any other of the Powers for that matter—are predisposed to favour one against the other. Realities are faced in a manner discreet and diplomatic. Two separate and distinct Governments exist in China at the moment. Each holds sway over a considerable tract of territory. Whether eventually the tail will wag the head or the head control the tail does not matter one iota to the Powers at present. That probability has been wisely ruled out. As two Governments are recognised in Ireland, so should the Powers re-

cognise two Governments in China and be prepared to make any concessions consistent with such dual government of the country.

Naturally certain things are required of the Cantonese Government. It must restore peace and order in the territory it governs. It must terminate all boycotts and strikes against foreigners. When these requirements are fulfilled—and not before—the Cantonese Government should be recognised by the Powers. There is nothing in this suggestion to disturb the equanimity of the Cantonese Government. It might conceivably desire recognition as the sole Government of China. It might insist on the withdrawal of recognition of the Peking Government. But it would be better advised to advance one step at a time and to make the most of each development as it arises. Recognition by the Powers of the Cantonese Government within the territory it actually administers could not but represent a substantial gain by the Cantonese Government in connection with its aspirations for the subjugation of the whole of China. But, until peace and order are restored and boycott and strikes against foreigners are terminated, the Cantonese Government cannot expect the Powers to take one solitary action implying recognition. It is essential that the lives and property of foreigners be adequately safeguarded. When the Cantonese Government meets the Powers on this common ground it will find that it has hitherto grossly misrepresented the policy of the Powers—or, at least, been misled by outside parties into suspecting every action by the Powers as inimical to the aims and aspirations of the Cantonese.

The cable referring to the suggestions advanced on behalf of the China Association is silent as to its reception by the meeting of Parliamentarians. As emanating from such a powerful body, however, it is worthy of very serious consideration by all who desire to see the relations between China and the Powers placed on a more substantial policy than at present. The time for recriminations is past. The time for mutual co-operation has arrived.

THEFTS ON LINER.

The Dollar Steamship Company have reported to the Police that whilst the s.s. "President Van Buren" was lying alongside the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's wharf on November 23, a quantity of jewellery, clothing and money of the total value of G. \$793 was stolen from different cabins on the saloon deck of the vessel.

The theft was not discovered until after the vessel left port last week, hence the late arrival of details from Shanghai. Every effort is, of course, being made to trace the stolen property, but up to the hour of going to press the "China Mail" understands that the C.I.D. have not succeeded in tracing the missing goods.

The annual exhibition of Chinese products under the auspices of the General Chamber of Commerce opened in Shanghai on December 1.

"BIT QUIETER."

FLAPPERS OUTNUMBERED ON "CARINTHIA."

WORLD TOURISTS HERE.

"A bit quieter, but none the less enjoyable" was the opinion on this year's "Carinthia" tour held by one of the cruise officials approached by a "China Mail" representative this morning. The "Carinthia" arrived from the north this morning.

The key to the more sedate atmosphere aboard lies probably in the absence this year of tourists of the "flapper" and adolescent age; the 320 tourists comprising chiefly adults and children.

The party is divided into three groups each of which, during the two days' visit here, will have the opportunity of visiting the Peak and Repulse Bay, of riding round the New Territories and having one afternoon for private "exploration."

Great Wall Visit.

The party comes fresh from tourist "victory" in that it is the first to have visited the Great Wall during the last four years, conditions having been unfavourable hitherto owing to unsettled conditions in North China. The success of this part of the tour is in large measure due to Mr. J. P. Bourne, of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd., who made the arrangements for their record train run from Chin-wang-tao to Peking and from there to Nankow and the Great Wall.

Owing to advice from the consular authorities it was decided on the arrival of the "Carinthia" this morning to abandon the trip to Canton which had been arranged for to-morrow. The tourists are naturally disappointed at this but are delighted with the beauties which Hong Kong has to offer.

The party leaves Hong Kong on Friday afternoon.

Lady Lawyer Passenger.

Among the passengers on the "Carinthia" is Miss Ethel W. Donaghue, described as "New York's leading lady lawyer."

Other passengers include:

Mr. Charles H. Thorne, formerly president of the Montgomery Ward Company of Chicago.

Mr. Henry Whitmer, graduated from Princeton University, well known in college circles.

Mrs. Daniel A. Hill, accompanied by two daughters and her son.

Mr. Franklin K. Hill, of St. Louis.

Mr. Edward H. Imbusch, prominent banker of Milwaukee, Wis.

Mr. Goelet Gallatin, of New York and Wyoming; well known in ranching circles.

Mrs. Minnie Olds Fay, accompanying a party of women world's tourists on the "Carinthia." Mrs. Fay is well known throughout the ports of the world.

Mr. John Glenn and Mrs. Glenn of Philadelphia. Mr. Glenn is the head of a large chain of ten stores.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Clarkson. Mr. Clarkson is among the most prominent realtors of Los Angeles.

Future Plans.

The "Carinthia" is up to schedule in spite of the fact that a gale was experienced off Cuba which necessitated heaving to for a day.

After leaving Hong Kong the "Carinthia" will go to Manila, New Guinea, The Antipodes, thence to Java—where she will be on the regular Cruise route.

Next year the Raymond & Whitecomb Co. will operate the s.s. "Samaria," also of the Cunard Line, around the World. The "Samaria" is well known in Hong Kong, having been here several times. She will visit China during the month of March, 1928.

GOOD FUN.

QUEEN'S THEATRE'S CURRENT PROGRAMME.

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Sheer good fun, with one or two slightly daring situations—such as "Lovers in Quarantine," the feature film showing at the Queen's Theatre for the last time this evening. Bebe Daniels fills the leading role, first as the young tomboy, and then as the very feminine "bride." The complications which follow an elopement with the wrong lady provide some diverting situations, and altogether "Lovers in Quarantine" can be relied upon to keep the audience thoroughly amused.

The supporting picture in the current programme is also a comedy, perhaps the best that has been made yet by "Our gang," these clever little urehins making great capital out of a cannibal island scene staged in the palm garden of a fashionable hotel. The latest topical gazette, and excellent music, including selections from Sullivan, complete the programme.

The election of members of the U.S.S.R. Union will begin on January 1.

A FORGED ORDER.

BRUNNER MOND & CO. LOSE SUIT.

SUMMARY COURT CLAIM.

A delivery order which was stated by solicitors on both sides to be a fraud figured in a Summary Court case this morning in which Brunner Mond and Co. sued Messrs. Cheung Wo, of 132, Des Voeux Road, Central, for \$67.81, balance of the price of goods sold and delivered.

Mr. H. J. Armstrong appeared for plaintiffs, and Mr. L. D. Turner for the defendants.

Mr. Armstrong said that on June 14, the defendants ordered from the plaintiff's salesman 100 lengths of 3/4 inch galvanised iron piping. Defendants had dealt with plaintiffs for many years and had bought large quantities of goods from them. The usual procedure was for plaintiff's office to ring up their godown and ask their man there to measure out a number of lengths, the price then being fixed and delivery invoice made out. This procedure was followed on June 14, the man at the godown being instructed to put the piping on one side for the defendants, a delivery order being made out at the head office. Shortly afterwards, this order was handed to the defendants who took delivery on June 22 on presentation of the chopped delivery order.

The defence to the action, it was indicated by Mr. Turner, was that delivery had only been taken of 65 lengths.

The plaintiff's employee at the godown gave evidence and, in answer to Mr. Turner, said that although the general procedure was only to give delivery of goods on the production of an order from Brunner Mond's own office he had sometimes given delivery on the production of a Chinese delivery order not bearing Brunner Mond's signature. Witness denied that this was what had happened on this occasion or that he had acted thus in accordance with the instructions of a Mr. Leung (or Mr. Cunningham), since deceased.

In the course of further cross-examination, witness denied that he had only given delivery of 65 lengths to the Cheong Wo.

Handed a delivery order, certain alterations in dates and other parts were pointed out to witness and he was asked if it was usual for him to give delivery on such an obviously altered note. Witness replied that so long as the number tallied with his own and the signatures appeared to be alright he was not concerned with anything further.

Mr. H. F. Westlake, assistant in the plaintiff firm, gave evidence as to making out a delivery order. He was doubtful as to the genuineness of the signature on the order produced and there had certainly been other alterations since he had made it out.

His Honour gave judgment for defendants, remarking that he was of opinion that the delivery order was a forgery.

HUGE DIVIDENDS.

STANDARD OIL COMPANIES PROFITS.

\$46,000,000 HIGHER THIS YEAR.

New York, Dec. 7.

Dividends of the Standard Oil Companies for the fourth quarter of 1926 were \$61,166,456, or \$19,062,297 more than the final quarter of 1925.

The total dividends for the whole of 1926 are thus slightly under \$200,000,000, or roughly \$46,000,000 above the total for 1925.—Reuter's American Service.

RAND SHAKEN.

A SERIES OF VIOLENT TREMORS.

FATAL MINE ACCIDENTS.

Johannesburg, Dec. 7.

A series of violent earth tremors shook the Rand this morning. Residents were greatly alarmed.

One European and three natives were killed and seven natives were seriously injured in two severe rock bursts in the Wolfontier Gold Mine.—Reuter.

COLONY'S HEALTH.

Notifiable disease in the Colony last week comprised—

Enteric fever (typhoid): 8 cases from the city (2 imported), 7 deaths.

Cerebro-spinal fever: 1 case, 1 death.

[All patients were Chinese.]

CHINA LIGHT CO.

The 8th annual meeting of the China Light & Power Co. (1918) Ltd. will be held at St. George's Building at 11.30 a.m. on Dec. 23 (for the year ended Sept. 30). Transfer books will be closed from Dec. 14 to Dec. 23 inclusive.

"SUNNING" PIRACY.

CHIEF OFFICER CONCLUDES EVIDENCE.

A PIRATE SPY ON BOARD?

At the resumed hearing, at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, Mr. Tom Purke Beatty, Chief Officer of the s.s. "Sunning" continued his thrilling narrative of the piracy of that vessel on the afternoon of November 15 and its subsequent recapture by the ship's officers at midnight.

Continuing his story, Mr. Beatty said that the man whom he had shot was lying at the foot of the ladder. Covered by Mr. Hurst, the Second Officer, witness went down and took the revolver from the hand of the dead man. Shots rang out from all parts of the ship and witness returned to the bridge, where he saw the Chief Engineer's head appear at the top of a ladder.

Witness gave a graphic description of his movements during the following minutes, telling how the Chief Engineer had been used as a screen, the pirates assuming that those on deck would not open fire in view of their comrade's position. The No. 1 pirate was immediately behind the Chief Engineer and as soon as he got in front of witness, the latter fired down in the direction of the No. 1 pirate and the man behind. The Chief Engineer fell backwards, also the man following. Witness believed that the latter's shoulder was ripped by the shot.

Through the Skylight.

Continuing his story, Mr. Beatty said that he then went to the skylight behind the smoke stack and, smashing it open, told those down below to "come up as we have recaptured the bridge." Mr. Beatty added, "We had previously arranged that they should stay down below. The Second Engineer went up by the ladder. I pulled the others up through the skylight."

The Captain guarded the port side of the bridge with an empty revolver as he had given me his loaded one. We were masters of the bridge, but the pirates showed themselves occasionally and intermittent firing began and continued for a while.

Dealing with the lowering of the boats, Mr. Beatty confirmed the evidence of Captain Pringle, adding that he noticed one of the pirates wearing the Master's jacket.

A Pirate Spy?

Asked to identify any of the defendants, witness pointed to No. 13, adding: "I think he is a pirate spy. I am convinced that he has travelled frequently on board the ship. I have spoken to the commodore and other officers about my suspicions of the man on previous trips. I believe that he was the man who came to my room complaining of toothache on the afternoon of the attack. He then had a good look round my cabin."

In reply to Mr. Holmes, witness said that he could not say for certain whether No. 13 took any actual part in the piracy.

Cross-Examination.

In reply to Mr. Gordon Leask (defending the 19th accused,) witness said that No. 19 was a good carpenter, but simple minded—the butt of the crew.

Questioned by Mr. M. K. Lo (defending 17 of the accused men,) witness said that three or four appeared to be amateurs, and not experienced pirates.

Mr. Lo: In the circumstances would you draw the inference that real pirates would rather go away in the boats than stay behind and be captured?

Mr. Beatty: I don't see any advantage in them taking to the boats. They were a long way from their base. A fishing junk might have come along at any moment too.

The case was adjourned until to-morrow morning.

ISAKO'S CIRCUS.

OPENING IN HONG KONG SHORTLY.

80 EUROPEAN ARTISTES.

As will be noted in our advertising columns, Hong Kong will shortly receive a visit from Isako's Circus, which is well known throughout the Far East.

The troupe consists of over eighty European artistes, including a ballet of eighteen pretty singers and dancers, an accomplished orchestra of fifteen talented musicians, a world-famous troupe of flying trapezists, jugglers, gymnasts, and a quartette of mirth-provoking clowns.

The stables accommodate over twenty pedigree circus horses, which are put through their paces by a well known trainer who is at present in Hong Kong.

The Circus has had a lengthy and successful stay in Peking, Tientsin and Shanghai, and is expected here within the next week. The opening date will be announced in our advertising columns within the next few days.

SPORTS SECTION

HOME RUGGER.

LATEST RESULTS AHEAD OF THE MAIL.

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP.

London, Nov. 20.
 "Rugby" union matches played to-day resulted:—
 Bath 0, Llanelli 6.
 Bristol 30, St. Barts 3.
 Guy's Hospital 9, Blackheath 9.
 Harlequins 14, Oxford University 8.
 Leicester 11, Swansea 14.
 London Scottish 8, Richmond 16.
 London Welsh 14, Moseley 3.
 Newport 18, Gloucester 6.
 Plymouth 22, Exeter 5.
 Devonport Services 3, Teignmouth 3.
 Rosslyn Park 3, Old Merchant Taylors 13.
 Penarth 6, Cross Keys 3.
 Stewarthurians 6, Edinburgh Academicals 6.
 Edinburgh Institute 8, Edinburgh Wanderers 15.
 Edinburgh University 14, Watsonians 3.
 Glasgow Academicals 3, Northants 14.
 Bridgend 9, Neath 24.
 Cardiff 23, Portsmouth Services 18.
 Cambridge University 19, Old Leysians 5.
 County Championship.
 Cheshire 6, Cumberland 3 (at Birkenhead).
 Devon 12, Cornwall 6 (at Torquay).
 Durham 3, Northumberland 17 (at Ellysdon).
 Yorkshire 33, Lancashire 0 (at Halifax).

A SMALLER BALL?

CRICKET SUGGESTION FROM HOME.

WHAT EXPERTS SAY.

London, Nov. 20.
 A canvass of a number of well-known cricketers in regard to the proposed smaller ball found only one against the alteration.
 A. P. F. Chapman (the England captain) though he had not favoured any other change as he found it easy enough to get out ordinarily, said he had advocated a smaller ball all along.
 A. W. Carr (captain of Nottingham and ex-captain of England) thought it an excellent idea, as also did Hobbs, Durston, and Hendren, but J. W. H. T. Douglas (captain of Essex and former captain of England) was emphatically opposed to the suggestion. He did not agree that there should be any tinkering with the game and said a smaller ball would be something like a piece of stone to handle, while the seams and stitches would open quicker. He stated: "Let the bowlers use their brains more. They already rely too much on assistance from the ball."

C.S.C.C. END XI V. POLICE.

On the Police ground Civil Service "A" will be represented as follows in a league match: J. H. G. Smith, Captain; H. E. Harper, R. S. W. Patterson, H. F. Westlake, H. E. Stanger, J. T. W. Carr, R. C. Atchard, P. O'Neill, W. F. J. Gorvin, C. R. Spittley, R. A. Davies, A. Sara.

WORLD CYCLISTS HERE.



Left: Evangelis Molens, 3rd Greek Troop of Rover Scouts, Greece. Right: Julius Peter Vilnius, Latvian Scouts, Central Organisation, Adjutant, Rover Scouts. Right—the two Scouts who are cycling around the world and arrived here this week.

THE OTHER SIDE.

INTOLERABLE DIFFICULTY NEXT SEASON.

London, Nov. 17.
 The Secretary of the Turf Guardian Society, in a statement to the Press, states that despite reports to the contrary the bets tax is responsible for a considerable decrease in betting and also for the small attendances at the race meetings.
 He said that the industrial conditions were only slightly responsible for the rapid decline of the turf.
 Since November 1 he points out that the tax has been fulfilling Government's expectations only because their pre-tax calculations were all wrong. It would yield many times the anticipated six millions in normal times.
 He urged a reduction of the percentage to at least 1 1/2 per cent, otherwise the 1927 season would open in conditions of intolerable difficulty.

TOTALISATOR SCHEME.

Syndicate Headed by Mr. James White.

London, Nov. 19.
 It was revealed at the Derby races to-day that Mr. James White, the well-known financier and sportsman, heads the syndicate, proposing to establish a totalisator in London, with agents to accept instructions on all the principal racecourses.

The annual cricket match between the Oxford and Cambridge Societies will be played this year on Wednesday, Dec. 22, on the H.K.C.C. ground. The teams have not been selected. Mr. R. E. Lindell is in charge of the arrangements.

BARN STORMING.

U.S. AMATEUR ATHLETICS DECISION.

Baltimore, Nov. 17.
 The U.S. Amateur Athletic Union has put down its foot on "barnstorming" by amateur athletes, both American and foreign, at least until after the 1928 Olympic Games.
 Acting on the recommendation of its Foreign Relations Committee, which is disposed to reform as far as possible commercialism from sport, it rejected plans for visits to the United States of such stars as Nurmi, Wile and Peltzer, and also rejected the proposed visits of American athletes to Japan, New Zealand, South Africa, and Scandinavian countries.

HOCKEY MATCH.

At King's Park yesterday, the Hong Kong Singapore Royal Artillery defeated Hong Kong Hockey Club by 2 goals to 1.

After being 2 down at the interval the Club scored through Lloyd but the Indians got another goal towards the close.
 The return match between the Royal Navy and the Army in the Sim Shield Competition will be played on the U.S.R.C. ground on Thursday, at 4.15 p.m.

CIVIL SERVICE XI.

The following will represent the Civil Service C.C. 1st XI in a league cricket match against the R.E. and Signals on the C.S.C.C. ground, on Saturday at 2 p.m.:—B. D. Evans, (captain), G. R. Sayer, A. E. Wood, E. B. Reed, F. J. de Rome, E. C. Fincher, F. E. Lawrence, F. Bajer, F. J. Ling, E. W. Hamilton, F. H. Holdman.

LAW ON THE TURF.

BOOKIES DISPUTE POWER OF TATTERSALL'S.

TO DECIDE A BET.

London, Nov. 17.
 The right of Tattersall's Committee to decide a bet's dispute between a book-maker and his client was unsuccessfully challenged at the Chancery Court to-day, by the well-known commission agents, Joe Lee, Ltd., who sought a decision on the question of whether Tattersall's Committee was entitled not only to decide any betting dispute brought before them, irrespective of the consent of both parties, but also whether they were entitled, contrary to the wishes of one of the parties, to hear and determine the matter in his absence.

"Backers Favoured."

Counsel for the plaintiffs said that in the case of the off-course betting Tattersall's Committee tended to favour backers, and the book-makers, who were inadequately represented on it, might be involved in complete ruin by a "warning-off" decision.

Counsel for Tattersall's Committee, who called a Steward of the Jockey Club, Lord Penrhyn, and the Chairman of Tattersall's Committee, Lord Dalmeny, argued that the Jockey Club, who had delegated the business of deciding betting disputes to Tattersall's, were only exercising their legitimate right of property when they said that no defaulters should go to Newmarket. Mr. Justice Eve ruled that Tattersall's Committee was a properly constituted body for such a purpose and dismissed the action.

BETTING TAX.

COLLECTING AUTHORITIES OPTIMISTIC.

5,000 LICENCES ISSUED.

London, Nov. 16.
 Notwithstanding the short-lived strike of the bookmakers, the officials concerned with the collection of the betting tax are well satisfied with the progress made.

Over five thousand bookmakers' licences have been issued. The case with which the collection of the tax has been carried out has surprised even the most optimistic.

According to the information which has reached the Customs authorities there has been no decrease in the amount of betting since the imposition of the tax.

R.H.K. GOLF CLUB.

An extraordinary general meeting of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club will be held at 5.15 p.m. on Dec. 16 for the purpose of altering the Articles of Association. It is proposed to do away with the office of President.

The annual general meeting will follow at 5.30 p.m.
 Captain's Cup.
 In the Captain's Cup December competition (36 entries) at Fanning over the week-end, C.C. Stark with a score of 82-6=76, and A. O. Brown, with 91-15=76, tied for first place and will play off.
 Other scores were:—H. A. Lammert, 95-18=77; A. H. Ferguson, 79-1=78; F. A. Redmond 86-8=78; E. A. Wood 94-15=79.
 For the Optional Pool there were 15 entries, L. R. Andrews winning with a score of 80-6=74.

CLAUDE FALKNER.

Calcutta, Nov. 17.

Claude Falkner again conceded Monk 200 in an exhibition billiards match of 800 up and won again, leaving Monk at 374.

Falkner seemed out of form for some time, till, after many efforts, he got 285 (of which at least 200 were from nursery cannons) within eight minutes.
 Other breaks were 101, 63, 68, 54, and 65, unfinished, with which he got through the game.

YOUNG MEN'S CLUBS.

St. Andrew's Young Men's Club defeated St. Peter's Young Men's Club by 5 goals to 2 in an interesting soccer match at King's Park yesterday.

F. Zimmern scored both goals for the losers. Between his first and last point "F. Wong, R. Baldwin, R. Wong, Nicholls and C. Reed were successful on the Kowloon side.

LADIES' TENNIS TOUR.

London, Nov. 16.

It is officially announced that the Misses M. E. Dix, Joan Fry, E. H. Harvey, and P. Saunders, and Mrs. Mallaghan and Mrs. M. Watson will comprise the ladies' lawn tennis team to tour South Africa.

SEPOY IN COURT.

CHARGE OF ATTEMPTED MURDER.

OFFICER'S SERIOUS INJURIES.

An attack on an officer in the 5/2 Punjab Regt. had its sequel at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, when Sepoy Pola Ram, of the same regiment as the injured officer, was charged before Mr. J. H. B. Nhill with attempted murder.

Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith, Assistant Crown Solicitor, conducted the prosecution. Captain Middleton of the 5/2 Punjab Regt. occupied a seat on the Bench.

Addressing the Bench, the Assistant Crown Solicitor said that the wounded officer was still in a dangerous condition. Counsel doubted whether it would be wise to adjourn the case, for the officer's condition was such that he might be detained in hospital for some considerable time.

As far as the Crown was concerned, the wounded officer could not throw any light on the affair, except, possibly, as to motive. Both men were in the same company, the wounded man a Subadar and the accused a Sepoy.

Counsel went on to describe the Punjab's quarters, indicating the position of the room occupied by the wounded man. As previously reported in the Press, an orderly had been arrested a week or so ago, but on making further inquiries, the Crown were satisfied that this man was not the guilty party. He had subsequently been released from custody. That man, however, had satisfied the police that the present accused had actually purchased the hatchet with which the crime was committed.

After hearing formal evidence of arrest, the Magistrate adjourned the hearing until this afternoon.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

December 8—Queen's Theatre: "Lovers in Quarantine."
 December 8—World Theatre: "The Wall Flower."

December 8—Star Theatre: "The Courtship of Miles Standish."
 December 8—Final dress rehearsal of the "Pirates of Penzance," Theatre Royal, 8.30 p.m.

December 8—Masked fancy dress dance in aid of M.C.L. Funds, Peak Club, 9.15 p.m.

December 9—Musical at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

December 10, 11, 13, 17, 18—The H.K. Philharmonic Society presents "The Pirates of Penzance" at the Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m. Matinee, on December 15 at 4.30 p.m.

December 11—Dance at the Club House of the Craigengower Cricket Club, Happy Valley, 9.15 p.m.

December 11—Repulse Bay Hotel Carnival.

December 16—Whist Drive at Helena May Institute, 8.30 p.m.

December 22-23—Fairy Play and Shadow Pictures, Xmas Matinees, Theatre Royal, 5.15 p.m.

December 23—Annual ball of the Hong Kong Police Force, at the City Hall, 9 p.m.

Sport.

December 18—Steeplechase meeting at Kwai Tai Race Course, Fanning.

Meetings.

December 11—Important meeting of Messrs. M. Y. San & Co., Ltd., Queen's Road, Central, 3 p.m.

December 14—Annual meeting of the Boy Scouts Assn. (Hong Kong Branch), in St. John's Cathedral Hall, 6.30 p.m.

December 16—Extraordinary general meeting of the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club, 5.15 p.m.; annual meeting, 5.30 p.m.

December 22—Tenth meeting of the Industrial and Commercial Bank Ltd., York Bldg. 2 p.m.

December 23—Eighth meeting of the China Light & Power Co. (1918) Ltd., St. George's Bldg., 11.30 a.m.

December 28—Meeting at City Hall, to welcome His Lordship the Bishop of London.

Miscellaneous.
 December 9—Weekly lecture of the Hong Kong Lodge Theosophical Society, 7 Duddell St., 6 p.m. Subject: "Theosophy and World Problems."

December 12—Confirmation classes for boys and girls commence in St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, 10 a.m.

December 15—Public lecture of the Helena May Institute by Capt. Miles on "Wireless Telegraphy and Telephony," 5.30 p.m.

December 16—Social evening to welcome the Rev. W. W. and Mrs. Rogers, 8.30 p.m. in the Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon.

December 22—Prize distribution of the Peak School, Peak Club, 11 a.m.

December 26—Christmas Carol service and Organ Recital at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, 6 p.m.



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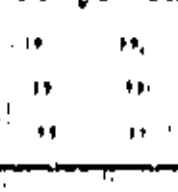
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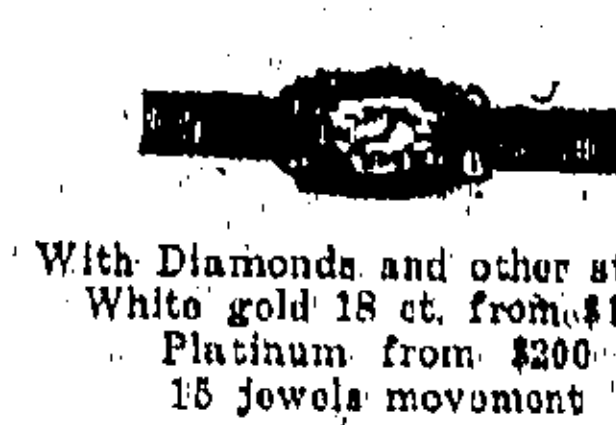
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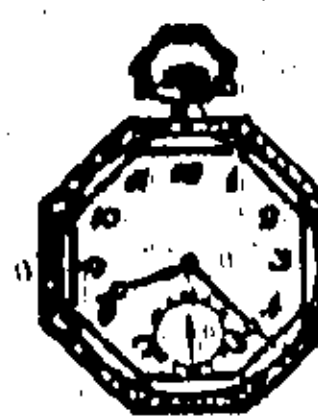
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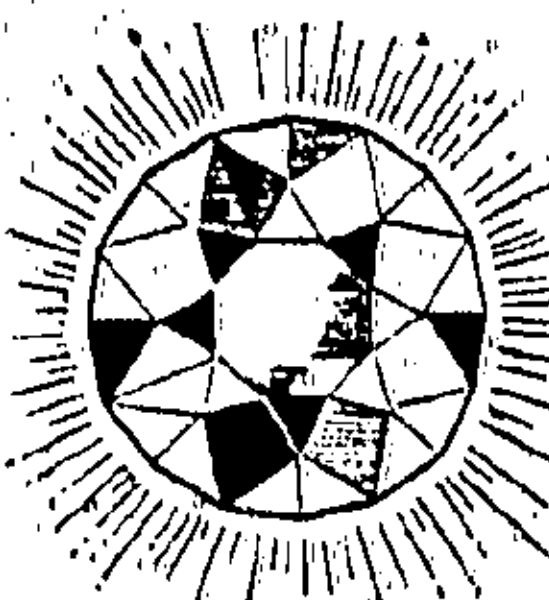
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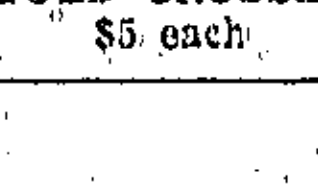
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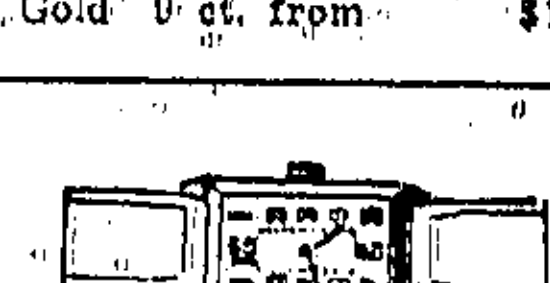
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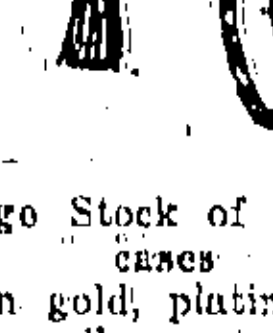
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JEWISH CLUB.

SHANGHAI INSTITUTIONS AMALGAMATED.

The Shanghai Jewish Club, formed by the amalgamation of the Jewish Club Ahduth and the Jewish Recreation Club, officially opened on Nov. 27, when a dance and entertainment were held. Under the name of the Jewish A.D.C., the dramatic section will present a Russian play on the Club's stage on December 11. Rehearsals have also begun for a play in English, "Two Blocks Away," to be staged at one of the local theatres.

The organisation of a chess circle is being undertaken and also a literary section. The sporting activities are being conducted in the name of the Jewish Recreation Club, and include football, basketball, tennis, ping-pong and boxing.

Besides these attractions, the club provides an excellent library of Hebrew, Yiddish, British, and Russian books and periodicals and two billiard tables.

JAPANESE MAGNATE.

DINNER TO PROMINENT CHINESE.

Mr. T. Funatsu, Director-General of the Japanese Millowners' Association in China, who has been staying at the Palace Hotel, Shanghai, removed on Nov. 28 to his new residence at No. 88 Rue Massenet, in the French Concession.

Mr. Funatsu was host at a banquet given in honour of the Chinese officials and leading business men at the Japanese Club on Nov. 29, when there were present 50 guests including Dr. V. K. Ting, Director of the Shanghai and Woosung Commercial Area, Mr. Hsu Yuan, Chinese Commissioner for Foreign Affairs, Brigadier-General Li Pao-chang, Defence Commissioner for Shanghai and Woosung, Admiral Yang Shu-chuang, Commander-in-Chief of the Yangtze Fleet, Mr. Fu Siao-en, Chairman of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, and others.

On Dec. 1, a dinner was given by him in honour of the members of the local Consular Body and Chairmen of Foreign Chambers of Commerce at the Majestic Hotel.

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No. 3 HAMPER—\$30.

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1 pt. D.O.M.	1 qt. Puritan Old Tom or Dry Gin
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Owing to a faulty cable connection, telegrams between Hong Kong and Shanghai and beyond are subject to delay.

The strike situation in various Chinese mills at Shanghai remains unchanged, with several thousand men and women unemployed.

On Monday three were four new cases of enteric fever (typhoid). All patients are Chinese, three from the city and one from Shaikwan.

A car owned by the Nam Hing Motor Bus Co., on its way to Shaikwan from Fanling, knocked down a woman who subsequently died in the Kwong Wah Hospital, on Monday night.

At the Engineers' and Shipbuilders' Institution at 5.45 p.m. today, Mr. Frank P. Van Horn, late Superintendent of Highways, New York City, will read a paper on "Road Construction."

The Canton Information Bureau reports that the first contingent of Government and Party leaders left Canton yesterday for Wuchang. Members of the Government have reached Nanchang where they were met by General Chang Kai-shek.

When a summons against the owners, agents and master of the s.s. "Poo Sang" was called in Mr. R. E. Lindsell's Court this morning, Mr. Horace Lo asked his Worship to grant a remand for one week to enable the master to attend. His Worship granted the application.

Protests are now being made by the Shanghai populace against an alleged loan of \$5,000,000 which Japanese financiers are said to be advancing to Mukden, inasmuch as this will increase the burden of the people and bind the country, as well as interfere with the fight for international peace.

The time for the fairy play and shadow pictures at the Theatre Royal on December 22 and 23, has been changed from 4.30 p.m. to 5.15 p.m. for both days. The proceeds will be in aid of the M.C.L. and the Seamen's Institute. Tickets will be obtainable from the Anderson Music Co. on and after December 13. Prices are \$2, \$1 and 50 cents, children and servicemen in uniform half price. An advertisement appears in to-day's "China Mail."

German foreign trade in October showed 110 million marks passive balance, including 158 millions imported specie.

The French Socialist Party has introduced a Bill for reducing military service from ten to nine months.

The final dress rehearsal of the "Pirates of Penzance" by the Hong Kong Philharmonic Society, takes place at the Theatre Royal at 8.30 to-night.

The wife of P.C. D347 has been admitted to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from opium poisoning which, it is reported, was administered.

There will be a Public Lecture at the Helena May Institute on Wednesday, December 15, at 5.30 p.m. given by Capt. Miles on "Wireless Telegraphy and Telephony." Admission free.—Advt.

Tuesday's return of local notifiable disease comprised 1 case of diphtheria from Kowloon, 1 case of typhoid from the city and another from Aberdeen district—all patients were Chinese.

An exciting affray which ended in the wounding and arrest of a Chinese took place at Shanghai last week. A police party attempted to search the Chinese, who broke loose and dashed down a turning, firing two shots which took no effect. A Chinese constable replied, wounding the man on the chin.

The loss of a basket of clothing and the master's licence is reported from a fishing junk which is stated to have been the victim of pirates whilst on a voyage from Shaikwan to Ping Hoi, Bias Bay, on Nov. 24. The master reports that his boat was hailed by another and that from the latter eight armed men boarded the junk and ransacked it for movable effects.

A new organisation, known as the Sino-Japanese Association will soon make its appearance in Shanghai. It is said to have been initiated by Baron Kumatsu, who, during his recent visit, felt an organisation of this sort would help to remove the misunderstandings that have so long existed between the two peoples. A drive for \$500,000 is being arranged for this purpose.

The authorities have announced at Tsinan that the monthly subsidy of \$2,000 is granted to Tsingtao University.

The French Municipal Council of Shanghai has decided to convert 80 mow of land on Avenue Pétain into a sports stadium.

A Chinese woman has been admitted to the Kwong Wah Hospital with wounds on the head which, it is alleged, were inflicted by a chopper. Her husband has been detained by the Police.

THEOSOPHY

"Theosophy And World Problems" will be the subject of this week's PUBLIC LECTURE of the Hong Kong Lodge The THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY, 7, Duddell Street, on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9th, at 6 P.M. The meeting is open to the Public.

Engaged to take three men to the Yaumati typhoon shelter, a Chinese sampan woman was attacked on the return journey. Nothing daunted, however, the woman put up a struggle falling into the water with two of her assailants. Water police responded to cries for help and two of the miscreants have been captured. It is assumed that the third man was drowned.

The Shanghai Branch of the Rationalist Press Association held a meeting on November 26 with Mr. J. A. Jackson in the chair. In outlining the objects of the Association the Chairman explained that its principal aim was to stimulate interest in the physical sciences and the various branches of criticism and philosophy, as connected factors in that progressive human culture which is independent of theological creeds or dogmas.

When informed that one of the witnesses in a case would be a small boy, Mr. G. W. King, the Registrar, in H. M. Police Court, Shanghai, remarked, "Well, I shall not say as a certain famous Judge did to a juvenile witness, 'Do you know where little boys go when they tell lies?' On receiving the reply that they went to a certain place, he said, 'Then you know more about it than I do.' The Registrar also propounded the theory that, in his experience, very little happens in this world without a cause."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

In aid of the Ministering Children's League Funds, a masked fancy dress dance is to be held at the Peak Club to-night, beginning at 9.15.

M. Chicherin informed the French Ambassador at Moscow of his forthcoming trip to the Riviera for health reasons, and expressed the hope of meeting M. Briand en route in Paris.

Det. Sub-Insps. Robertson and Sub-Insps. O'Dwyer of the Shanghai Municipal Police, were removed to the General Hospital there on Nov. 26, but it is believed that they will resume their duties shortly.

Mr. F. Ross, for five years manager of Wagons Lits Hotel in Peking, arrived in Shanghai on the str. "President Hayes" after a leave of absence in Switzerland. He will act as manager of the Palace Hotel, Shanghai.

Professor O. Hellwig, who for many years has been connected with the German Department of the National University, has died at Peking. Professor Hellwig, was 55 years of age and had resided at the Wagons Lits Hotel for several years. He had lived in China 15 years, 12 of which were spent in Peking.

Colonel F. Hayley Bell, Commissioner, has resumed charge of the Chinese Maritime Customs office for Kowloon and District in place of Mr. W. O. Law, Deputy Commissioner. Colonel Hayley Bell has been in Canton for over a year since the trouble began in June and a successor to him there has now been appointed.

White Crown Prince Gustav Adolf of Sweden and Crown Princess Louise have been travelling in the Far East, their summer home, Sofero, in their duchy of Scania, has been robbed. The loot is supposed to have been of little value. At the same time as the robbery was announced it was stated that the royal couple will spend the Christmas holidays in India. Their return home is expected to take place about the middle of February, when a triumphant reception is planned.

General Pah Wen-wei, former Tutun of Anhwei, arrived in Shanghai from the north on Nov. 24.

Reminder: Musicals at the Helena May Institute at 5.30 p.m. to-morrow. Tickets at 50 cents each, including tea at 4.45 p.m.

General Li Ten-chun, Commissioner of Politics of the Canton Government, and former Tupan of Kiangsi, will visit Shanghai on his way to Kiangsi where he will attend his mother's funeral.



General Li Ten-chun

Buchanan, December 7.—King Ferdinand has been operated on. His condition satisfactory. Reuter.

Dr. H. Fresson, who has retired after 21 years in Shanghai, was a passenger on the s.s. "Paul Lecoq," which left Hong Kong yesterday. Dr. Fresson has been actively associated with medical work in the French Concessions. He has also been well known for his sailing and other sporting activities in Shanghai. With a French colleague, Dr. Fresson proposes founding a surgical and tropical diseases clinic at Cannes.

M. Lachevitch, says a French Radio message, has been appointed Vice-President of the Chinese Eastern Railway in place of M. Savransoff, who was dismissed.

Mrs. H. Karch who, on Nov. 24, underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Victoria Nursing Home, Shanghai, is doing splendidly, and expects to be about again shortly.

The Rev. Thomas Darlington, West China, who has been conducting a mission in Shanghai, was the preacher at the morning service in Holy Trinity Cathedral there on Nov. 23.

The signature "Peggy O'Neill" on the winning ticket for the St. Vincent de Paul motor car raffle concealed the identity of a little Hong Kong girl, Miss Peggy Everest, daughter of Mr. R. J. Everest, of the P.W.D. Peggy, who is eleven years of age, was born in Hong Kong. She leaves for Home with her parents in April.

Capt. J. Gordon Dyson has been confirmed in the appointment as Chief Officer of the International Settlement Fire Brigade, Shanghai, in succession to Mr. M. W. Pett, who has been invalided out of the service. Capt. Dyson arrived in Shanghai on May 7, 1922, as Deputy Chief Officer, and since that time, during Mr. Pett's absence on leave or through sickness, he has been in charge of the brigade for 2½ years altogether.

One of the most successful musicals of the season was given before the Union Church Ladies' Society, Shanghai, on Nov. 24. The programme was as follows:—song "Molra, My Girl," by Mrs. Sims; song, "Spring is Coming," by Mrs. T. Nimmo; pianoforte solo by Mrs. Standcliff; song, "They're Far, Far Away," by Mrs. Gibson; song, "Love is Meant to Make Us Glad," by Mrs. Pearson Grant; pianoforte solo by Mrs. A. Toone; song, "A Perfect Day," by Mrs. Gibson; song, "A Song of Sleep," by Mrs. T. Nimmo; song, "When I Dream of You," by Mrs. Sims; song, "We are Brave," by Mrs. Standcliff; song, "The Child's Prayer," by Mrs. Baldwin; accompaniment, Mrs. Gardner; Mrs. Pearson Grant and Mrs. Toone.

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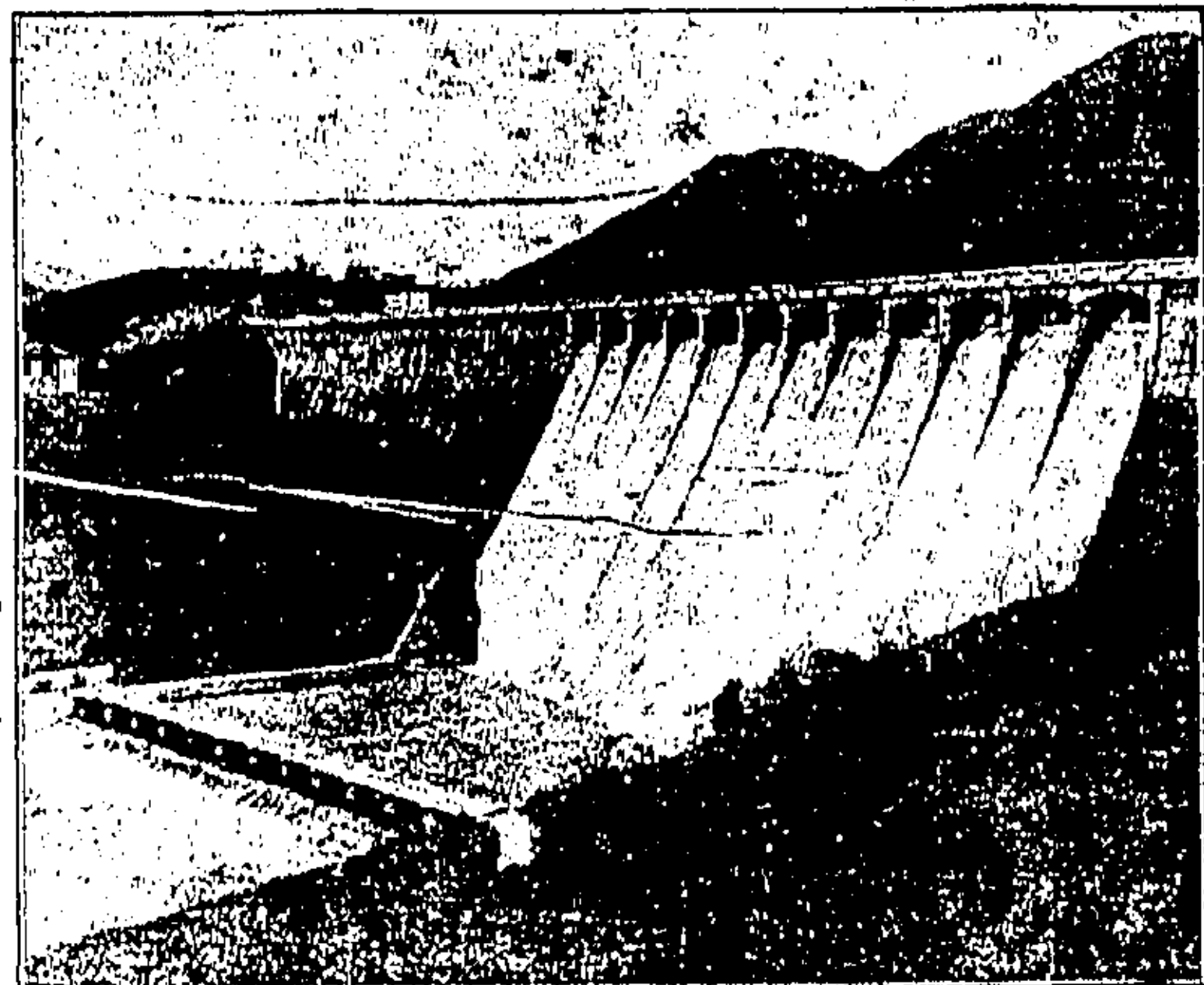
Those responsible for the arrangements for the entertainment of Hong Kong's latest visitors—the world tourists on board the s.s. "Carinthia"—have very wisely planned matters in such a way so that our visitors will have ample opportunity to visit at their leisure those emporiums in Queen's Road Central and its immediate neighbourhood, whose stocks of Oriental merchandise have become famous the world over.

Some of our visitors, of course, will go up to Canton, others will divide their time between motor-car drives to the Peak and the new territories, but all will have just sufficient time to make a few necessary purchases at our local silk and curio shops, and it is with a view

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LACE.

Few tourists have an opportunity for visiting the picturesque city of Swatow which lays "some fifteen hours distance from Hong Kong. Nevertheless, a visit to some of our local lace emporiums will convince the visitor that no expense has been spared to bring the product of this coastal city within reach of all passing through the Colony. The Swatow Lace Company, and the Hong Kong Lace Company vie with each other in displaying the greater exhibition, and this means healthy business, the advantages of which cannot fail to reflect upon the place.



Seen during the drive round the island—Tytoon Tuk reservoir.

to assisting our visitors in this connection, that the present writer has personally visited the leading emporiums in order that he may set his views on paper.

HONG KONG SILK SHOPS.

The silk stores of Hong Kong are known the world over. Most people will be making the Hong Kong Hotel their headquarters when on this side of the harbour, and strangers to the Colony will experience little difficulty in finding the four or five most prominent of our silk emporiums. In these shops can be seen a huge variety of silks—silks from India, from Burma, from China and from Japan: plain, figured and striped silks; silks of every hue, a delight to the eye, a palatable feast of colour. These are shops which no lady can afford to miss.

In addition to a large assortment of silks, these shops are displaying quite a range of Indian and Persian rugs at prices which astonish everyone. In the Bombay Silk Store, for instance, we noticed some really special rugs with most fascinating figured borders. Messrs. Pohoomul Bros. are showing, among other things, a magnificent silver model of the Taj Mahal, whilst the Royal Silk Store are specialising in a display of Fujii crepe and other soft fabrics. The Popular Silk Store are offering a huge range of silk stockings which cannot fail to attract the fairer sex.

JADE AND AMBER.

One of the most recently opened of our local emporiums is the Jade and Amber Company, whose attractive premises in the China Building are bound to attract many. Here is to be seen a magnificent display of jade—that most precious of stones in the eyes of the Celestial. Amber, too, and Ivory are here in plenty. The most amazingly cunning craftsmanship of the Cantonese ivory-worker is displayed on a lavish scale and articles of utility and ornament are on view for all to see. One cannot fail to be impressed by the enormous ivory elephant tusks which are to be seen most delicately carved. Among other shops in our main thoroughfare which display similar goods are the China Bazaar—a few yards distant, and Messrs. Kwong Woo and Company.

A REAL ART GALLERY.

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HONG KONG.

Facts About The
Colony.

SHIPPING AND COMMERCE.

Hong Kong is an island about 10 miles long and from 2 to 6½ miles broad, with a total area of 32 square miles; it lies close to the mainland, being separated at one point by a narrow strait (Lyemoo) not more than a quarter-mile wide, and was first occupied by Great Britain in January, 1841, and was formally ceded by the Treaty of Nanking in 1842. British Kowloon was subsequently acquired by the Peking Convention of 1860, and the New Territories, being a peninsula in the southern part of the Kwantung province, by a lease signed June 9, 1898. The whole colony comprises an area of about 391 square miles, with a population (1921) of 662,200 (1925, est. 874,420). The non-Chinese residents, excluding naval and military, numbered about 15,200 (1925, est. 16,500).

A Free Port.
The capital of the colony is Victoria, which lies along the northern shore of the island, facing the mainland, and between the main harbour which is one of the finest in the world, with a water area of some 10 square miles. With the exception of liquor and tobacco the port is free, and is fortified. It possesses excellent docks, capable of holding the largest vessels for the purposes of repair. There is a considerable ship repairing and construction industry. Shipping entered (1923) 26,701,120 tons. A railway, of which 23 miles belong to the Government, runs from Kowloon to Canton; the length north of the Sham Chun River (which is the boundary of the British territory) is controlled by the Chinese Government. A light railway runs through the fertile valleys of the north-east portion of the New Territories from Fanling to Sha-tau-kok, a distance of 7 miles. Good roads connect the principal districts with the railway.

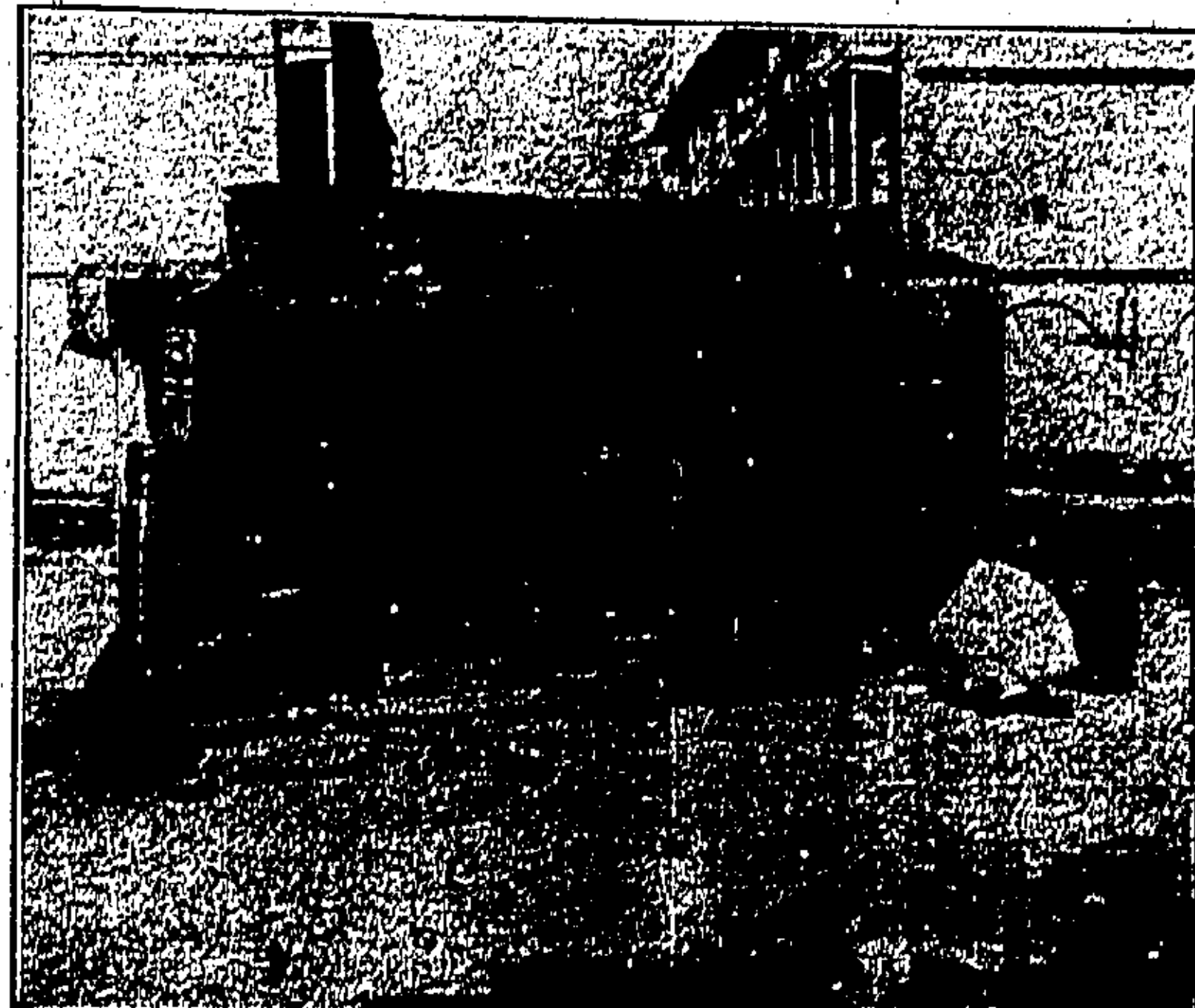
Climate.
The island is broken in shape and mountainous, the highest point being Victoria Peak, which is about 1,820 feet high. The Peak District is a favourite place of residence, and is reserved for Europeans. The new Territories contain peaks from 1,800 to 3,000 feet. The hot season lasts from May to October. During the winter months, from November to March, the climate is cooler, drier, and more invigorating. The average daily maximum temperature ranges from 87 degrees in July to 63 degrees in February, and the average daily minimum temperature from 73 degrees in July to 55 degrees in February. The average annual rainfall is 84 in., of which no less than 75 per cent. falls between May and September, when the S. W. monsoon prevails.

Vast Trade.
Hong Kong is the centre of a vast trade in many kinds of produce, chiefly camphor, coal, cottons, flour, gunnies, hides, iron and steel goods, leather, matches, oils, rice, silks, sugar, tea and tin.

Much encouragement is given by the Government to education in the colony. In 1924 there were 1,079 schools subject to Government supervision, attended by 58,930 pupils. The University (opened in 1912) includes faculties of medicine, engineering, and arts.

Hong Kong is a Crown colony, and its government is administered by a Governor, aided by an Executive Council of 9 members, together (Continued at foot of preceding Column.)

with a Legislative Council of 14 members, including himself, a representative from the Chamber of Commerce, and a representative of the Justices of the Peace. There is also a Sanitary Board, partly elected, which controls certain sanitary measures.



A street side temple in Kowloon where Chinese worship for good luck.

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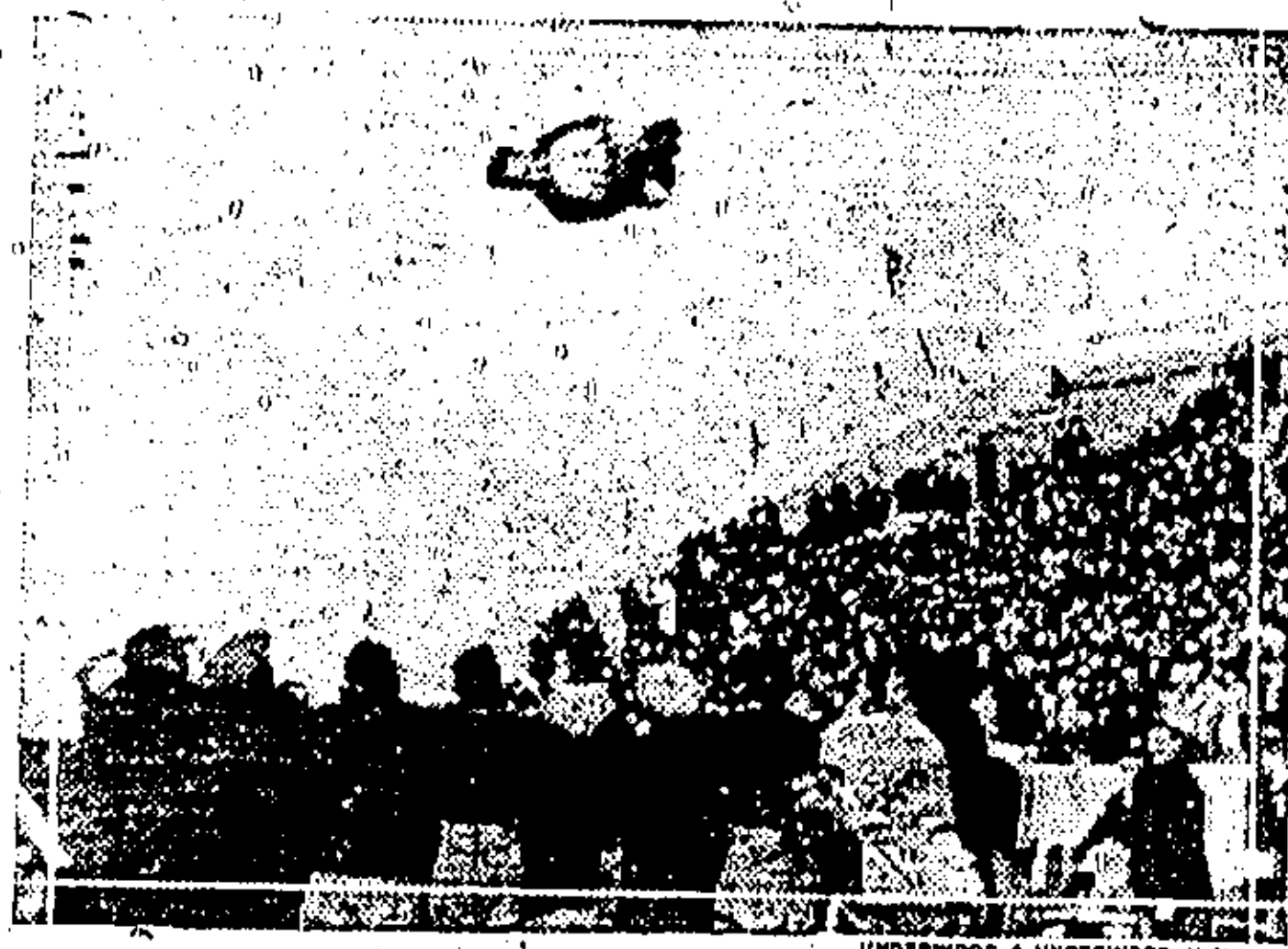
Little Harold Williams, the four-months-old Indian baby, which won first prize in an Indian Papoose Contest.



A scene in the arena at Isako's Circus which will shortly delight the hearts of all in Hong Kong who love a circus.



Horace Dodge, millionaire, and a leading devotee of speed-boat racing, shown speaking into a microphone.



Now that the football season is in full swing, padding and blanket tossing—as a means of enforcing freshman rules and the carrying out of school traditions, are in order. Photo shows a student of a University taking a trip to the "Moon" via the blanket tossing route.



Herschel Cobb, son of the illustrious Ty Cobb. Herschel is going to be a great ball player like his dad some day, or he will know the reason why. Young Cobb, you may have guessed, is red haired, freckled—quite freckled.



One of the "Star" riders in Isako's Circus which is coming to Hong Kong very shortly.



Mrs. James J. Walker, wife of New York's Mayor, is shown punching the bag on board the ship that carried her on a visit to Europe. She was reported to have lost several pounds on the voyage.



Prince Nicholas of Roumania.

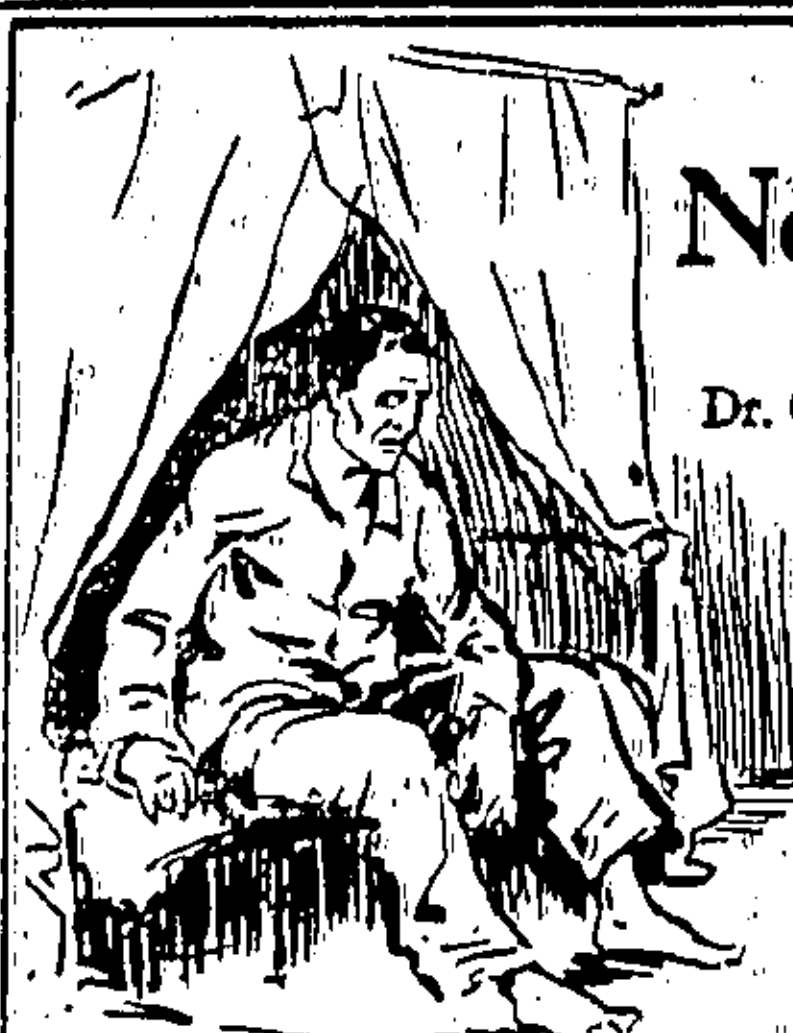


Miss Marion Talley, left, young prima donna of the Metropolitan Opera Company, and Miss Gertrude Ederle, first woman to swim the English Channel, met and exchanged the thoughts of nineteen-year-old girls grown famous, in Des Moines, where they dined with each other for the honours of the crowd. They became fast friends during their visit.

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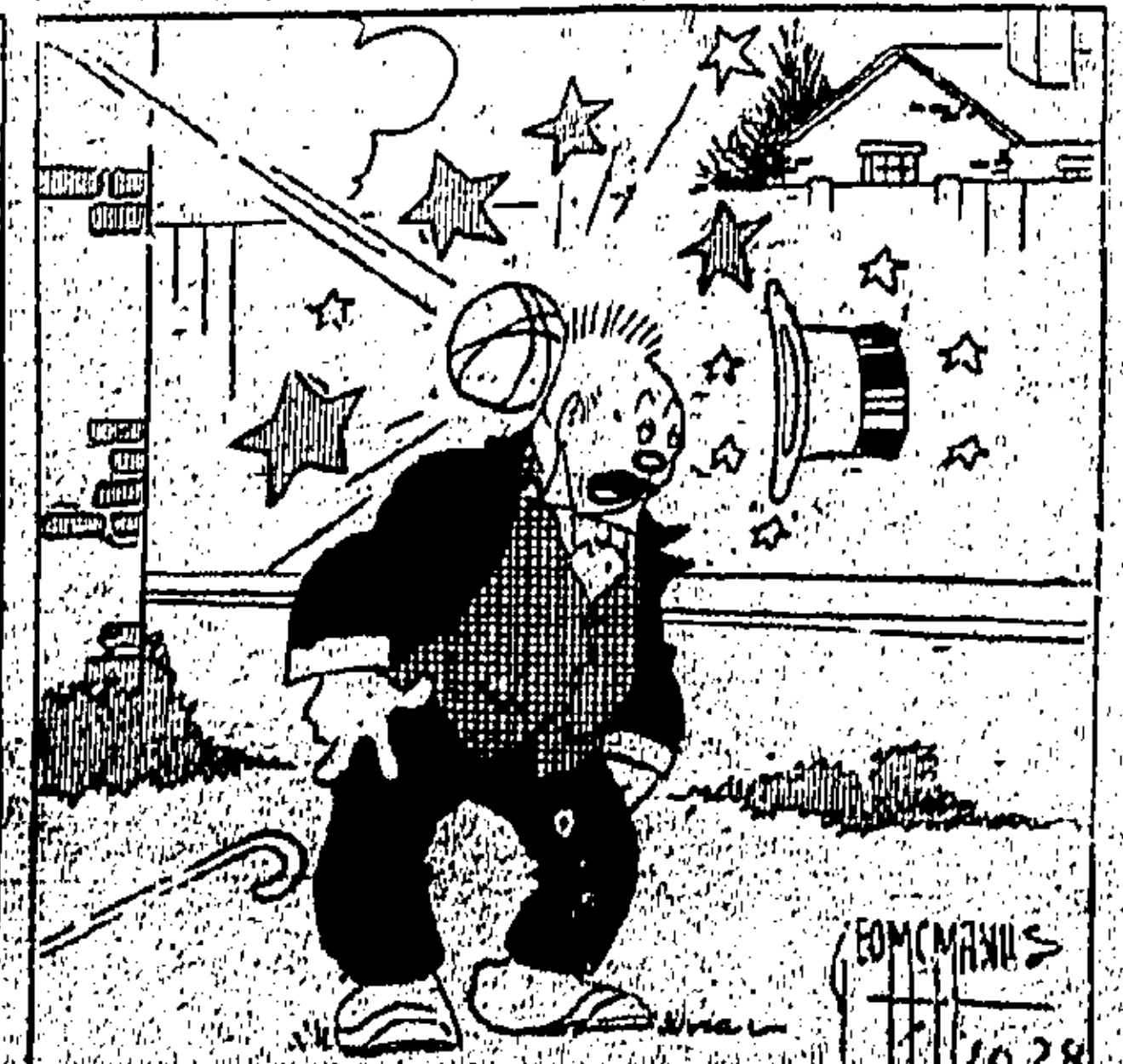
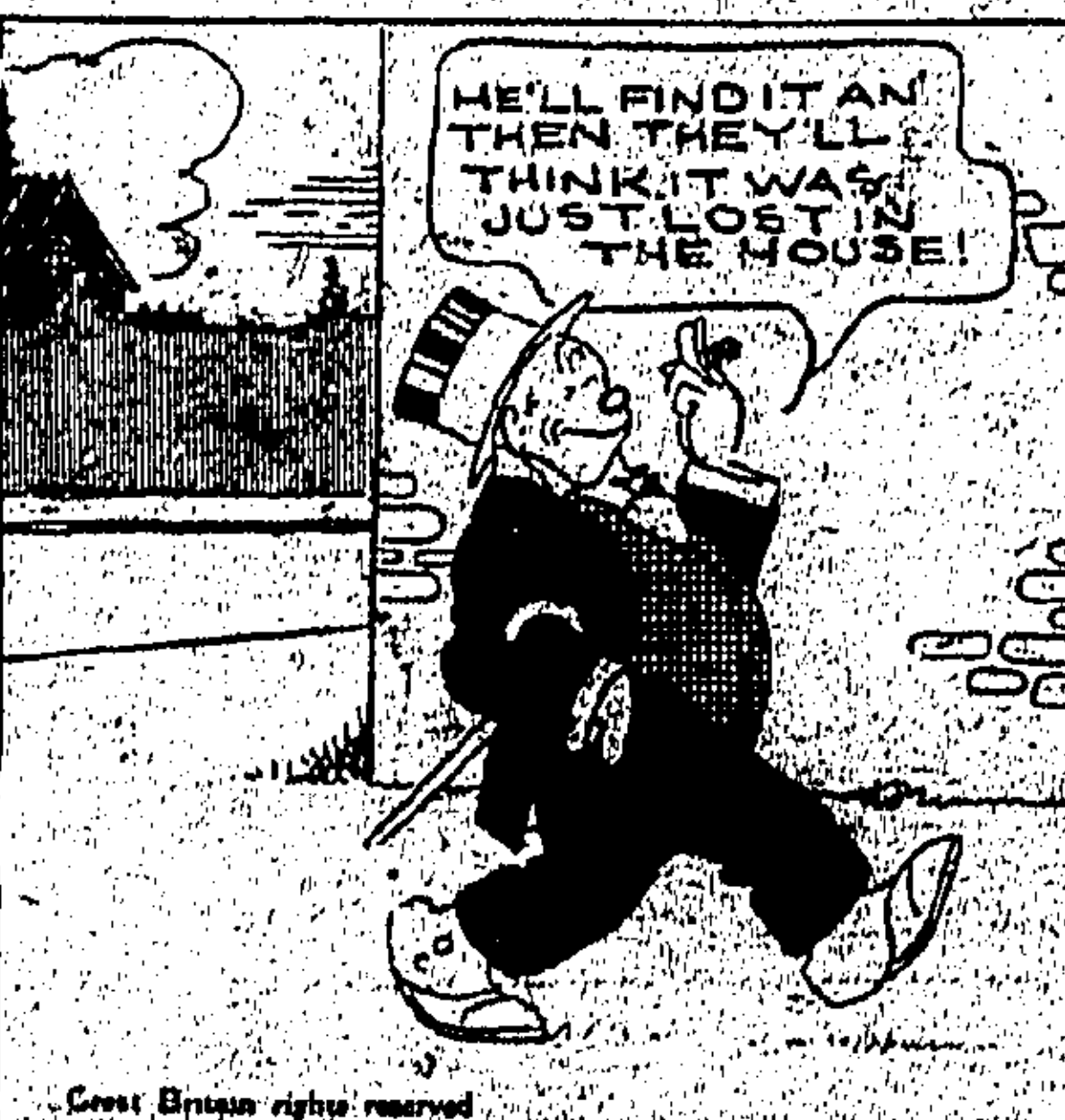
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The block of property formerly housing the Astor House Hotel has been purchased for \$650,000 by the Ho Hong Bank, the price working out at nearly \$50 a square foot. It is understood that as yet no decision has been arrived at as to the uses to which the building will be put. The managing director of the purchasing Bank (which was established in 1917) is Mr. Ko Leong-ho and the local manager, Mr. Choa Keh-fai. It is associated with the Ho Hong Steamship Company and many other enterprises founded in Singapore by Mr. Lim Peng-sing who for many years has been identified with the financial and commercial development of Singapore.

BRITISH TAXATION.

Financial Secretary's Statement.

Rugby, Dec. 7.
A detailed statement to Parliament by the Financial Secretary to the Treasury shows that the amount per head of the population raised by taxation and expended on public services is £20 15s. 6d. Of this, £8 2s. 6d. is applied to the National Debt services, and £5 10s. 0d. to the Civil Estimates. The defence services cost £2 14s. 0d. per head. The balance is accounted for by other consolidated fund charges, customs and excises, and the coastal service.—British Wireless Service.

BRITAIN AND FINLAND.

Rugby, Dec. 7.
At an Anglo-Finnish dinner last night the Finnish Minister in London referred to the recent growth of trade and intellectual relations between the two countries and said that interest in the English language in Finland was growing so fast that English was promised to be the best-known foreign language in the country. The President of the Board of Trade said the fostering of cordial relations with Finland, political and commercial, would be the aim of whatever British Government was in power. Britain was Finland's best customer, taking one-third of its exports and supplying seventeen per cent. of its imports. The reputation for stability and integrity which Finland was establishing on the exchanges of the world was observed with admiration in England.—British Wireless Service.

EXCHANGE MARKET.

Noticeable Lack of Confidence.

In their exchange report dated November 24 Messrs. Maitland, Fearon and Brand (Shanghai) state:—The improvement recorded last week in the London price of bar silver was not maintained. The report continues: To-day's (yesterday's) quotations of 25½d. spot and 25.3-16d. two months forward are respectively 5/8d. and 9/16d. below those ruling this day last week. The official T. T. rate on London from 2½ 1-2 to 2-5, but business is doing at approximately ¾d. above this rate.

The exchange market has been dull and inactive; the great uncertainty in the political outlook is having its effect on trade generally and a noticeable lack of confidence is pervading business circles, with the result that import and export business has virtually ceased for the time being.

The telegram received on Friday, announcing the probable adoption of the Indian Currency Commission's report, coming as it did on top of a market that was never genuinely strong, caused a very sharp drop in exchange rates and a decline of 1½d. took place in 24 hours; however the market later rallied to some extent. Speculative operations still continue to dominate the market. The market closes easy with the following rates for Gold remittances available:—T. T. London 2-5 3-16, New York 59¼, Yen 82¼ 4 m/s export bills can be placed:—Sterling 2-6 1-4 G. \$61.1-8.

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£3,000,000 MOTOR ORDER.

Rugby, Dec. 7.
The largest single contract received by British manufacturers from overseas has just been placed with Morris Motors. The order, which is for delivery next year, is for 10,000 cars and lorries valued at about £3,000,000.—British Wireless.

COAL PRICES CUT.

Rugby, Dec. 7.
A substantial cut in coal prices, which the re-opening of mines and resumption of work by 700,000 miners have made possible, became effective to-day, when retail prices of household coal were reduced, according to quality from fourteen to nineteen shillings per ton. It is understood that the position at the collieries is such that restrictions on the export of coal will now be withdrawn, but some control will be maintained temporarily regarding shipments abroad of anthracite and coke.

Placed are being found in the mines as rapidly as possible for men applying for work. It is estimated that an additional 100,000 miners will restart this week.—British Wireless Service.

FRANCE AND GERMANY.

Paris, Dec. 7.
"Le Matin" stresses the great daily progress in the Franco-German rapprochement in economical matters. A number of various combinations have been carried out, or are in prospect, between private interests, and a commercial treaty will be signed approximately by February.

One of the most interesting features of the rapprochement consists of powerful banking associations in both countries.—Havas.

1927 SETTLEMENT DAYS.

The Committee of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange has decided that the following shall be the Settlement Days for the year 1927:—

January	Tuesday, 26th
February	Tuesday, 22nd
March	Tuesday, 29th
April	Tuesday, 26th
May	Thursday, 24th
June	Tuesday, 23rd
July	Tuesday, 26th
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September	Monday, 23rd
October	Tuesday, 25th
November	Tuesday, 29th
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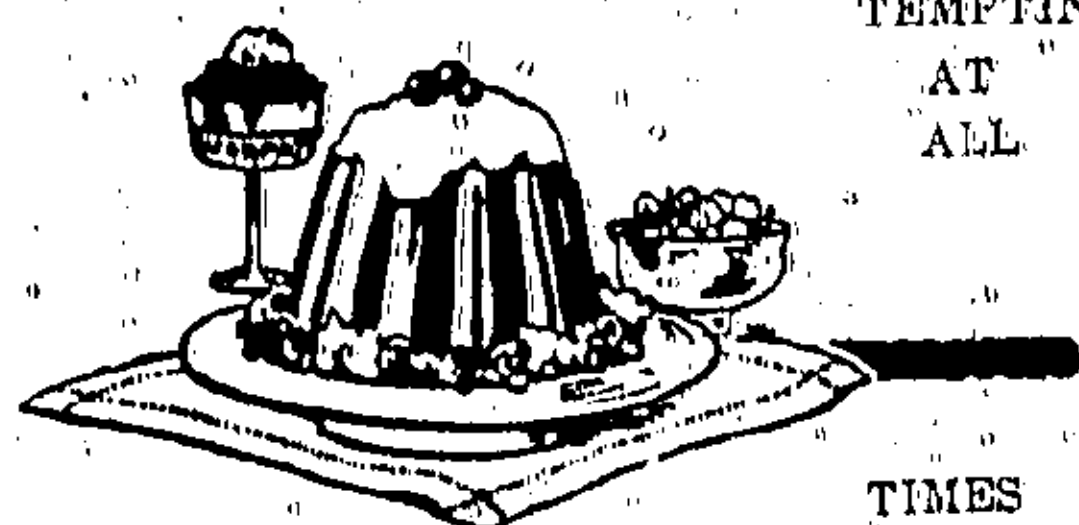
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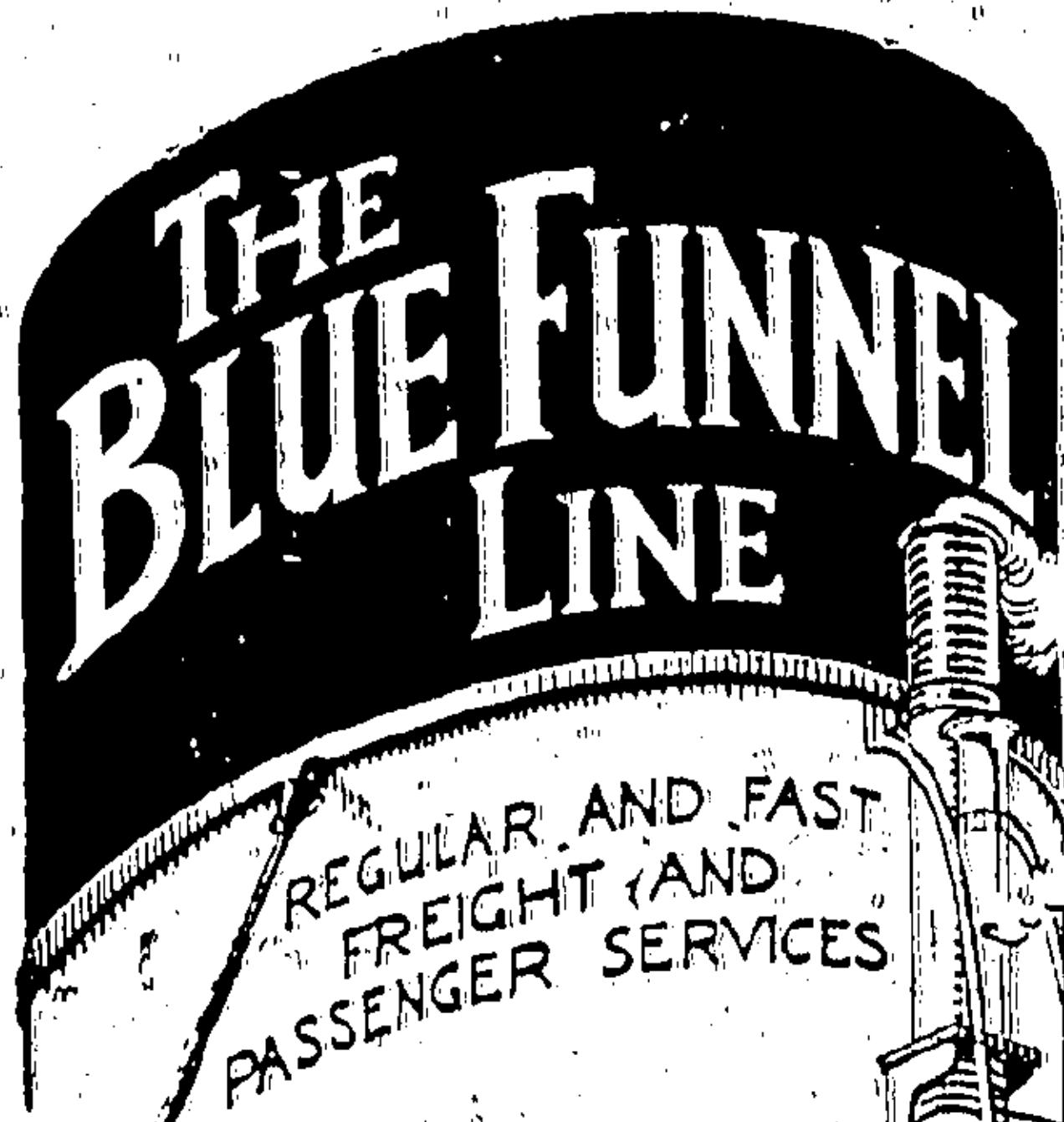
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TRADE UNION LAW.

PROPOSALS BEFORE BRITISH
CABINET.

A DELICATE PROBLEM.

Rugby, Dec. 7.
The Cabinet to-morrow will have
under consideration proposals for
trade union legislation in the form
of the report presented by the
Cabinet Committee.

In well-informed political quar-
ters it is stated that there is as
yet no Bill for detailed examination,
and it will be with major principles
that the meeting will be concerned.

Revision of the trade union law
is recognised in government circles
as presenting great difficulties, and
requiring very careful handling, for
trade union law goes to the roots
of the British industrial system.
Any alteration will therefore have
the most mature consideration.—
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LOSSES AT SEA.

A MERCANTILE MARINE
MEMORIAL.

BILL IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Rugby, Dec. 7.
Mr. Gosling, leader of the Trans-
port Workers' Union, has intro-
duced in the House of Commons a
Bill conferring on the Imperial War
Graves Commission power to erect
a memorial to the officers and men
of the Mercantile Marine who
perished in the late war.

He suggested that the Stapey
riverside borough in East London
would be a suitable site.

The Bill, which is backed by the
Premier and Labour and Liberal
leaders, was read the first time
amid cheers.—British Wireless
Service.

OPIUM IMPORTS.

London, Dec. 6.
In the House of Commons, Mr.
Cecil Wilson (Labour) asked
whether, as a result of the Gov-
ernment of India's decision to re-
duce by ten per cent. annually
the export of opium except for
medical and scientific purposes,
the imports into British depen-
dencies in the Far East would be
proportionately reduced.

Mr. Amery replying, was of
opinion that no such reduction
was practicable in the present
circumstances.—Reuter.

STILL TO TRACE.

WOMAN WRITER'S STRANGE
DISAPPEARANCE.

"PLANE HELLS SEARCHERS."

Rugby, Dec. 7.
Search is being made for Mrs.
Agatha Christie, the well-known
writer of detective stories who has
been missing since Friday evening.

Mrs. Christie then left her home
at Sunningdale in Berkshire in her
motor car and was last seen in it
the same evening at Newlands Cor-
ner on Surrey Downs. Next morn-
ing the car was found abandoned
at the same spot.

Mrs. Christie recently had a ner-
vous breakdown.

The Downs have been thoroughly
searched and to-day an aeroplane
assisted, flying low over the wood-
ed country.

When night fell the search was
still fruitless.—British Wireless
Service.

PROTEST TO EUROPE.

YUGO-SLAVIA'S CABINET
RESIGNS.

ALBANIAN PACT ATTACKED.

Belgrade, Dec. 7.
The Yugo-Slavian Cabinet has
resigned in order to draw attention
to its protest to Europe against the
recently concluded Italian and Al-
banian pact which provides for the
maintenance of the Albanian status
quo and undertakes to submit all
unsettled questions to arbitration.

The pact is attacked on the
ground that it was signed behind
Yugo-Slavia's back and is disloyal
to all the Balkan States, especially
Yugo-Slavia, and Italian inter-
ference in Balkan affairs is resented.
—Reuter.

ALBANIAN REVOLT.

Paris, Nov. 25.
A new revolution has broken
out in Albania. It is reported
that ten government soldiers
were killed and fifteen wounded
in a pitched battle near Scutari,
the capital, yesterday. Twenty
rebels were killed.

The fierceness of the fighting
to the capital shows that the four
revolutionary tribes who at-
tempted to overthrow the gov-
ernment last week have obtained
reinforcements among the in-
habitants of several sections of
Albania.—United Press.

"A HIGH HONOUR."

DUKE OF YORK ON HIS
TRIP.

OPENING OF CANBERRA.

Rugby, Dec. 7.
The Duke and Duchess of York
who sail shortly for Australia and
New Zealand, were the guests to-day
of the Australia and New Zealand
Luncheon Club in London.

The Duke expressed pleasant
anticipations of his visit. Particu-
larly he counted it a very high
honour as the King's representative
to open the new capital of the Com-
monwealth, which he trusted would
inaugurate a new period of pros-
perity and development for Aus-
tralia and her people.

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to meet your people in their homes."
—British Wireless Service.

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CONTROL.

New York, Dec. 7.

The United Cigar Stores and the
Schulte Retail Stores Corporation,
whose assets exceed \$100,000,000,
have reached a working agreement
through the recently organised
Union and United Tobacco Corpora-
tion, whose capital is \$250,000,000.
The new corporation will now con-
trol 3,300 shops.—Reuter's Ameri-
can Service.

ANNUAL "DRY" REPORT.

Washington, Dec. 7.

In the annual report of the
Department of Justice, Mrs.
Mabel Willebrandt, Assistant
Attorney-General in charge of
Prohibition, urges an amend-
ment to the Volstead Act which
would permit Courts to impose
imprisonment "heavy enough to
fit the facts." Mrs. Willebrandt
describes the progress of the
campaign against the rum-run-
ners of the past year as "in-
teresting if not encouraging,"
and emphasises the necessity for
legislation to support interna-
tional rum-running treaties with
regard to ship-seizures. She re-
fers to British co-operation. It
appears that 25 British vessels
were seized in 1926 compared
with 24 last year.—Reuter's
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